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Tuition targeted for hike

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
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Tuition fees likely will jump next month, though students probably will see nothing like last year's 18.2 percent increase.

At last week's meeting of the Board of Regents, College President Julio Leon said his plan was to present an increase proposal to the Regents then, but tight state money conditions are forcing him to take another look at how much fees should be raised.

The College suffered severe economic setbacks last week as Gov. John Ashcroft failed to recommend any increase for Missouri Southern's budget and refused for the third consecutive year to recommend \$6.2 million for the construction of the Webster Communications and Social Sciences Building.

Ashcroft's budget moves now are forcing Southern's administration to look at other avenues to make up the difference, and though its impact likely would be minor, the College probably will start at the bottom—student fees.

Leon expressed disappointment at Ashcroft's recommendation for Southern's budget, which is lower than the College's planned 1991 expenditure. For FY 1992, Ashcroft recommended \$12,943,803, a 2.5 percent decrease from Southern's FY 91 planned expenditure of \$13,286,232.

"This was the worst year for any kind of funding," Leon said. "I'm disappointed and discouraged. But we have to find new ways of funding."

Leon said Ashcroft is not to blame for the budget downturn—recession fears hurt other state colleges and universities as well.

"We will have to examine all possible alternatives," Leon said. "We've been through this before. We just have to deal with it the best we can."

Leon said he should have a proposed increase ready for February's Regents meeting.

After the virtual budget freeze, Leon now has turned his attention to the College's next big problem—lack of a recommendation for the Webster Building. At the meeting, he told Regents that funding for the facility remains in limbo, as the College has received barely \$1 million for construction of the \$7.2 building. Groundbreaking, however, is scheduled to take place next week.

In his presidential report, Leon

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IN SUPPORT OF OLD GLORY



Tom Bonner, sophomore communications major, hangs the American flag in his on-campus apartment soon after allied forces bombed Iraq last week. Like most students here, Bonner supports the war effort.

NICK COBLE/The Chart

Most colleges close for King

Southern one of four to stay open

BY JIMMY SEXTON
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, government offices across the nation were closed in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In Missouri, four of the 13 public colleges and universities remained open, including Missouri Southern.

"We have a policy of not dismissing classes for certain holidays," said Dr. Julio Leon, Southern president. "It has nothing to do with racism or not wanting to recognize him (King). He's an important person and an important figure."

"One of the things he fought for was academic advancement for blacks. We at Southern believe the best way to honor him is to hold classes."

Northeast Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, and Central Missouri State University join Southern in holding classes on the national holiday.

Dr. Janet Murphy, president of Missouri Western, said her college has dismissed classes since the inception of the national holiday for King.

"By dismissing classes and holding different events and activities honoring Dr. King, this gives the students a good opportunity to learn about a different culture and part of history from a different perspective," said Murphy. "It's just not the same thing if we hold classes."

Southwest Missouri State University started cancelling classes three years ago, according to Dr. Marshall Gordon, university president.

"I believe it is the appropriate thing to do," said Gordon. "We don't view this as just another holiday. Though it is a legal holiday, and we have many observances through the week, I think we still put in almost as many class days as anyone else."

While SMO holds classes, university officials now are considering making King's birthday a holiday.

"The issue in the past was that there were many events on campus honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," said Dr. Les Cochran, SMO

Schools that dismissed classes in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday:

Harris-Stowe, Lincoln, Mo. Western, MU, NWMSU, UMKC, UMR, UMSL, SMSU



provost, "so the faculty decided that they would recognize him by staying open, rather than de-emphasize him by closing down."

Nevertheless, Cochran said SMO is rethinking its position. He said the faculty senate has introduced a bill that would establish a King holiday.

"It is a near-unanimous decision now by the faculty to recognize the holiday," he said. "The senate bill raises two important questions—will classes be dismissed while the faculty and staff work, or will the entire institution be shut down?"

Cochran said SMO's administrative council will debate the recommendation in the next two weeks. It probably will be sent to the March meeting of the board of regents where it will "likely be approved, thus making the appropriate changes for the next calendar year."

Dr. Dean Hubbard, Northwest president, said his institution strives to recognize the commonalities between blacks, hispanics, and whites.

"I think Northwest has done an exceptional job of putting together several programs effectively honoring Dr. King's birthday," said Hubbard. "Our goal is to break down the stereotype. We try to attract blacks to campus that knock down the typical black stereotype."

"It is my goal to have black recognition festivities spread throughout the year."

Future of Barn remains in doubt

Though it has been more than two months since the arson-linked blaze destroyed the Barn Theatre, College officials still are not certain of the structure's fate.

According to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, insurance adjusters for American International Adjustment Company estimated the damages at \$104,414.52. However, a \$5,000 deductible lowered the actual settlement.

Tiede said the College is trying to

decide what to do with the money. Ed Wimmer, an architect who works with Southern, is preparing cost figures both for repairing the building and constructing a new one.

Tiede estimates costs will run considerably higher than the \$99,414 insurance settlement, possibly more than the College can afford. If that happens, the money may be used elsewhere.

"We probably would put it in a building fund and wait to see what

other projects need the money," he said.

Although the architect's estimates will not be complete until later this week, Tiede said he is optimistic the theatre will be rebuilt.

"It served a real need on campus for both the theatre department and for the CAB," he said. "I'm optimistic if we can keep within a reasonable figure."

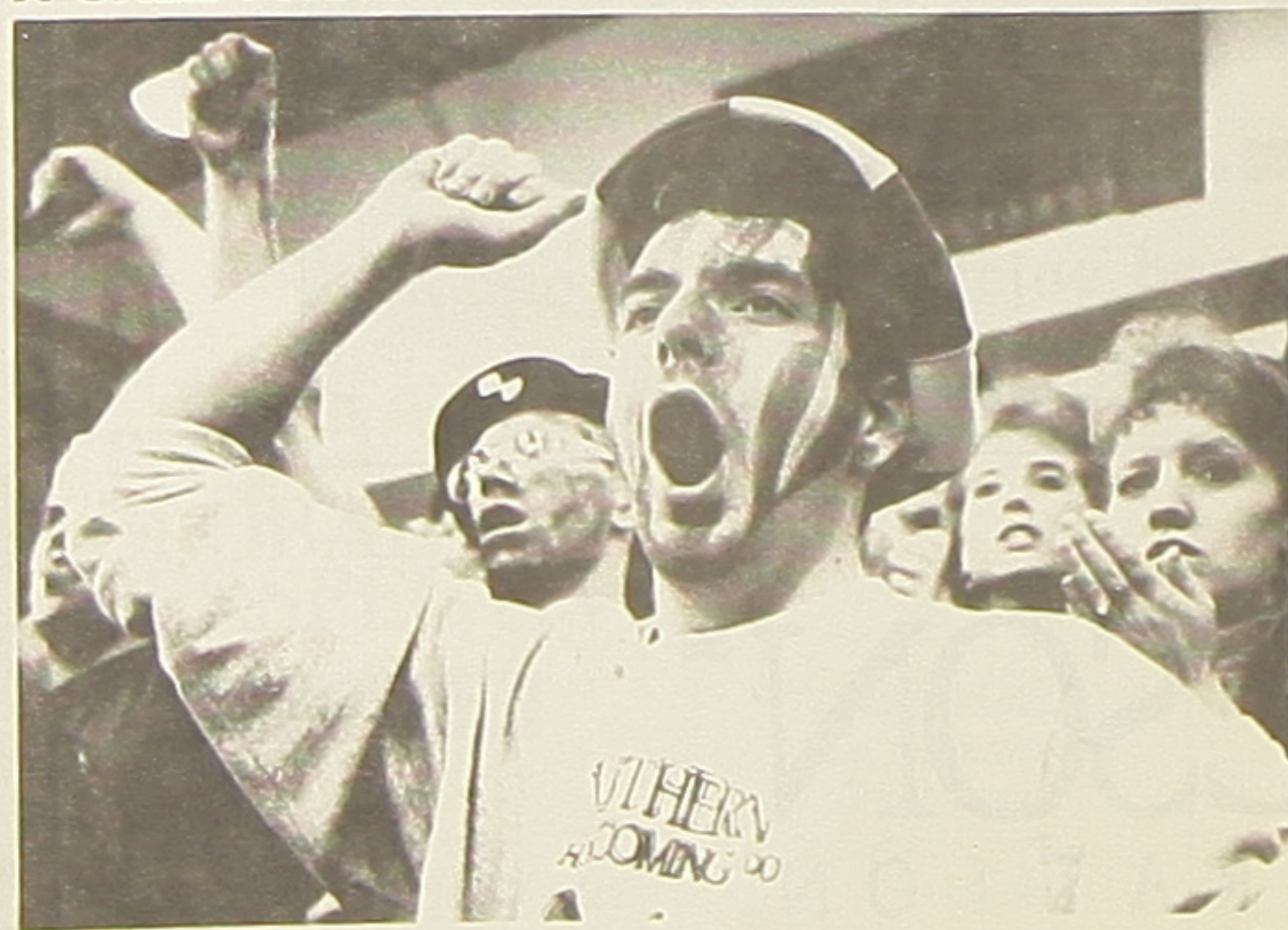
When a decision is reached, Tiede said the theatre department and the

CAB will be consulted about their needs. [See related story, page 6.]

Joplin police are continuing their efforts to apprehend the person or persons responsible for the Nov. 22 blaze. Sgt. Terry Foulks said he has questioned seven people in connection with the fire and believes the case soon may be wrapped up.

He said, however, the semester break and a recent rash of armed robberies in the city have slowed the investigation.

A CALL FROM THE BLEACHERS



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Kevin Gentry, freshman mathematics education major, cheers the basketball Lions on during a Jan. 16 loss to Southeast Missouri. Gentry is a member of "Gang Green," a group of four male "cheerleaders."

Racing complex held in limbo

Mike Long's proposed multi-event and racing complex currently hangs in limbo, but organizers maintain that the project will come to fruition.

Land for the \$500 million complex in Joplin originally was scheduled to be secured one to two months ago. According to Carl Taylor, Long's Realtor, some uncertainty about financing still exists.

"One day I feel it's about to happen, and the next day I feel just the opposite," Taylor said.

Long, a former Missouri Southern student, was arrested Nov. 9 on fraud charges, but the case has been closed, meaning it either was dropped, suspended, or nullified.

Long, who has a lengthy record for passing bad checks, was accused of writing a \$1,000 bad check to Nick Myers, a rural Joplin man, on Aug. 24. Sources have said the arrest would have no effect on the project.

Francois Belfor, president of Rhema Financial Enterprises and in charge of securing the project's financing, told The Chart Monday that he believes "it is getting closer."

He also added that once the land has been secured he will relocate his Brooklyn, N.Y., office to Joplin.

Michael L. Long

34 years old

Former Missouri Southern student

Developer of proposed race track and multi-event complex



1978: Charged with fraud in Clay County for passing a bad check. The charges were dropped so Long could be prosecuted in Kansas on similar charges.

1980: Long sentenced for two years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for passing bad checks.

Taylor said he has received a verbal commitment for the land purchase from its owner, adding that escrow money has been taken care of.

"There is still a lot of negotiating left," Taylor said. "Financing is always a big problem. When they approve the loan, then we can proceed. It's still in the limbo stage."

Darrell Zimmerman, West Central Division director for the National Hot Rod Association, told The Chart in November that he had been

1982-1986: Served various jail time for several crimes, including passing bad checks.

1986: Convicted in Clay County for fraud and sentenced to four years in corrections.

1988: Released on parole, attended school at Southern, worked miscellaneous part-time jobs.

1990 (September): Announced plans to develop a \$35 million drag-strip facility, and outlined a proposal to build a \$500 million complex that would include a hotel, convention center, and PGA golf course.

1990 (November): Arrested and charged for passing a bad check.

1991 (January): Case was closed.

"skeptical from the beginning."

Long's former attorney, Barry Langford, who was charged with a Class D felony of passing bad checks, awaits a Feb. 4 pre-trial conference.

He appeared in court on Dec. 7, where formal arraignment and the preliminary hearing were waived and the conference date was set. Langford is facing three charges alleging he wrote checks against a non-existing account at a Joplin bank.

New class opens on cue

The Arab World aims to dispel common stereotypes

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
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As if to punctuate the commencement of The Arab World, a new course at Missouri Southern, explosions of war rang out in the Persian Gulf Jan. 16.

Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, said the timing was "eerie." "It was uncanny symbolism that the United States started bombing the same night the class began," said Gubera, class instructor.

It was not the possibility of war, however, that prompted the course. According to Gubera, it has been under planning by the social science department for some time as a component of the international mission of the College. He acknowledged that current events will be integrated as a focus, saying "there's no way of escaping it."

"The course fits in with the spirit of the mission," he said. "We never talked about the Middle East on campus. It has been a void area."

The purpose of the class is to give students a better understanding of the Arab people and their culture.

"It has a lot to do with perspective," Gubera said. "We will try to see the world a little bit through the eyes of an Arab—that's hard to do."

In developing this perspective, students will explore a wide array of topics including U.S. stereotypes of Arab people, the on-going dream of Arab unification, the Arab diet and foodways, and the stress of geopolitical factors.

According to Gubera, many similar courses have been taught in major colleges and universities across

the United States for the last five or six years.

"Our course is a little more broad-based," he said. "You could spend a whole semester just on politics."

In the summer of 1988, Gubera spent 40 days in the Middle East through a program sponsored by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations. Gubera competed to be accepted because of his own interest.

"I wanted to get a feel for other people and cultures," he said. "It was a wonderful opportunity."

During his stay in Jordan, Gubera took classes at the Middle East Institute, had the opportunity to meet King Hussein, and was allowed to witness a triple heart by-pass.

"The experience was extremely rich and varied," he said. "Their culture is a lot more sophisticated than we give them credit for."

Gubera said he might go back to the Middle East in August "if things are still intact."

One of Gubera's goals for the class is for his students to develop an appreciation of the Arab world.

"The stereotypes of Arabs are half-truths. I hope for students to see these people as people," he said.

"It's about developing an appreciation. If we have Art, Music, and Theatre Appreciation, why not appreciation for differences of the people of the world?"

The class, which meets from 6:30 to 9:15 Wednesday evenings, is defined as a special topics course, meaning whether it is offered again hinges on student response.

Sherry Surface, a senior sociology major, said the class is "wonderful."

"I wanted to hear more about the

details of the people and their lifestyles," Surface said. "I think it is important to understand each other in order to avoid conflict in the future."

Surface, whose aunt and uncle live in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, said The Arab World is a "timely" class.

"Dr. Gubera's being sent to the Middle East was the most wonderful thing that could have happened for the class," she said. "We are very fortunate to have this class."

Cleon Burrell, a junior sociology major, took the class because "it was new and sounded interesting."

"With the war going on, I thought it would be good to learn about them (Arabs)," he said. "It might help in case I get drafted."

Gubera said there are few students under the age of 25 enrolled in the course, and about one-third of them have been to Arabia. With more than 30 students in the class, Gubera wonders if current events were not as they are, if the interest would be as high.

One student, C.H. Patton, a senior sociology major, said he would have taken the class "regardless."

"I would not have missed this class," Patton said. "I'm interested in the comparison of all cultures."

Patton thinks classes of this nature are important for all majors.

"One of the biggest problems we have is the lack of understanding other people's beliefs and cultures," he said. "We need to find out why they think the way they do."

Gubera plans on enrolling in the Arab language class taught by Bou-jenaa Akremi on Monday nights at Southern, and encouraged his students to do the same.

A TIMELY CLASS



Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, uses first-hand experience gleaned from a 40-day stint in the Middle East to instruct more than 30 students enrolled in a newly added course, The Arab World.

Senate holds first meeting of semester

At its meeting last night, the Student Senate listened to funding proposals from the Rodeo Club and Sigma Nu.

Ed Belveal, Rodeo Club president, presented the Senate with a request for \$2,200 to secure an arena and instructor for a two-day rodeo school to be held in Wichita March 18-19.

Belveal said rather than requiring students who want to participate to come up with the entire tuition cost, the Senate's money would "offset the cost for each individual student."

Belveal said Senate approval would secure the facilities for the school, and an exact amount would be known before the payment deadline.

"We don't need any money up front," he said. "We can come back with the exact figure we need."

Belveal's reason for participating in the school is to strengthen membership and interest in the Rodeo Club, therefore encouraging area junior college students interested in rodeo to consider Missouri Southern as a transfer possibility.

After some discussion, the Senate voted unanimously to allocate to the club the difference of the tuition cost after all student money is in, but not to exceed \$1,000, which is the cap for all funding requests according to the Senate's by-laws.

The Senate also voted to give the Sigma Nu fraternity \$210 in order to send officers to a training program at the University of Oklahoma on Feb. 15-16. The program is hosted by the national fraternity.



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Dillard's picks up College employee Counselor will miss Southern

BY KATY HURN
STAFF WRITER

After coming to Missouri Southern last fall to conduct routine interviews with students and alumni, Dillard's Department Store hired a College employee in the process.

Lance Adams, admissions counselor, has accepted a position as a computer programmer at the company headquarters in Little Rock, Ark. Clay Deem, a Webb City teacher, has been hired to replace him.

Adams has worked at the College since July 1987. He graduated from Southern in May 1987 with a degree in computer science.

As an admissions counselor, Adams recruits students from high schools and junior colleges in the four-state area. He travels 25 to 30 weeks per year, spending at least 25 nights in motels. Too little time with his family prompted him to pursue another avenue.

"The biggest change in my life is that my wife and I had a baby back in March," said Adams. "With this present job at the College I've been away a lot on trips. I was looking for a job where I can be home with my family."

Although he is enthusiastic about the future, Adams will leave with many memories of the College, both as a student and employee. He served as president of the Student Senate and was a member of the Campus Activities Board and a residence hall staff

assistant.

Adams believes his time on campus was well spent.

"It was very enjoyable," he said. "And I think it played a big role in getting me hired later."

Though there are many things he will miss about his job, Adams said he will remember the people the most.

"They care a lot about your life outside of Missouri Southern, and they'd do anything for you," he said. "The people I worked with in admissions have really been great."

"Something else I'll really miss is going to the sporting events. I've always been a big supporter of our athletic teams."

Even as an employee, Adams maintains enough of an interest in sports that he still plays intramural basketball when he can.

"It's the sport I've always liked the most," he said.

Admissions director Richard Humphrey said he is proud of what Adams accomplished while here.

"Lance has been one of the most outstanding men in our area," he said. "We've really grown to appreciate what he's contributed in the computer area as well as recruitment. He's modernized our system in admissions to keep up with the times."

After his last day on Jan. 31, Adams and his family will relocate to Little Rock for the Dillard's job.

"It's a place I feel I could work at a long time, although I feel like I should always keep my eyes open," he said.

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also touched on the final report of the Missouri Business and Education Partnership Commission, a group devoted to curing the state's higher education ills. One of the goals of the commission was to establish a governance board with broader powers, which could include the authority to cut unnecessary or duplicative programs. The commission is proposing

sweeping incentives for colleges that comply with its requests. [See related story, page 9.]

"The current feeling is that if the legislators and the governor back the idea of going to the voters with a tax increase, they cannot do so unless the public has evidence that duplicative programs are gone," Leon said.

TARGET PRACTICE?



Dan Buettner, junior education major, shows support for the war effort at his on-campus apartment.

CHRIS COX/The Chart

Office to keep tabs on students

BY KATY HURN
STAFF WRITER

Keeping closer tabs on attendance recently has become a must for faculty members.

Although basic College policy has always stated that instructors take daily attendance, a new form has been issued them to report students who have missed 10 consecutive working days to the financial aid office.

According to Jim Gilbert, director of financial aid, the new policy has been implemented in order to keep track of students who are receiving financial aid, yet not attending classes.

"We don't want to give money erroneously to students who aren't coming to school," Gilbert said. "We have to notify the bank so they can start repaying it appropriately."

Federal regulations requiring the College to notify the bank within 30 days of a student's withdrawal make determining the last date of attendance mandatory. Then either the student or the College begins repaying the loan.

Gilbert said students stop attending classes for a variety of reasons.

"We have people who leave at the end of a semester, people who withdraw during the semester, and people who simply leave," he said.

If a student reportedly has been missing many classes with no explanation, the financial aid office notifies the student in writing that he or she either must start the withdrawal procedure or let the office know the situation.

"We're setting up this policy to catch those who fail to repay their loans," Gilbert said. "But what it could do is form retention and save some students."

Faculty members recall Ratekin

BY JIMMY SEXTON
STAFF WRITER

Eula Ratekin, a former chemistry professor at Missouri Southern, died Friday at her home in Carrollton, Mo., after a sudden illness.

Ratekin, 92, joined the Joplin Junior College faculty in 1941. She retired in 1967 when Southern was established, but returned in the fall of 1968 for an additional year.

"When I came to the College [in 1958], Eula Ratekin was the chemistry department," said Harrison Kash, assistant professor of physical science. "I remember her as a very dedicated person and teacher. She was always there for her students and tried her hardest to help them achieve."

"She was a champion of cultural events, and she always encouraged others to attend community concerts and activities."

Kash said he thought Ratekin would be pleased with the College's new international mission.

Ratekin was faculty adviser for Phi Theta Kappa, the junior college's affiliate of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholastic society.

"During the time I spent with Miss Ratekin, I think the most important thing she taught me was the importance of organization," said Dr. Larry Martin, former Phi Theta Kappa president and now head of the mathematics department. "Delegating responsibility and preparation before a meeting were two things she was very high on."

Before joining the JCC faculty,

Ratekin taught 17 years at Fort Smith (Ark.) Junior College and worked one year in the research department for Eagle-Picher Industries of Joplin.

After leaving Southern, she lived one year in Europe where she taught at the American College of Switzerland in Leysin.

A member of the First Community Church of Joplin, Ratekin served as president of the American Association of University Women from 1953-55. She also was a member of the Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary society for women in education.

"She was definitely not a provincial person," Kash said. "She was intelligent both in the classroom and out of the classroom, and she educated her students of their cultural surroundings."

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College needs a King holiday

A dream has faded from memory. For a college that has taken on an international mission, appreciation of ethnic and racial diversity should be high priority.

On Monday Missouri Southern failed. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday received little more than an afterthought.

A candlelight vigil flickered and died as most Southern students sat in class. Not to blame the students—11:30 a.m. isn't exactly prime time for a candlelight vigil.

Although College President Julio Leon believes "the best way to honor him is to hold classes," an overall lack of recognition was apparent. Southern students attended classes, and Southern students went home. More than a few were unaware of the national holiday.

Perhaps if the College and Joplin were the epitome of racial equality, time set aside for Dr. King's birthday and Black History Month wouldn't be needed. Unfortunately, that does not hold true.

In fact, much of Missouri could use a constant reminder that we are far from an acceptable level of racial equality. Maybe that's why four public colleges and universities remained open Monday.

Southeast Missouri State University, one of the four, is rethinking its position. A near-unanimous decision by its faculty senate could lead to the dismissal of classes on King's birthday in the future. More time is needed out of the classroom remembering a man and his courage to overcome racism.

Meanwhile, at Southern a dream is forgotten.

Without a conscious effort to honor Dr. King, the purpose of holding classes is defeated.

Bush's decision

The jingoistic ballads and battle cries of the past notwithstanding, it is clear to all who have experienced war that there is no such thing as a good one.

Now that the spectre of armed conflict is upon us, we must not deliberate on whether the prospect of such an endeavor is pleasant, but instead whether the cause is just.

The sovereignty of nations is and should be recognized by all who value the rules of law and not those of the jungle.

The invasion and subsequent annexation of Kuwait by Iraq is a test of the United Nations' commitment to international law. The U.N. has responded forcefully and appropriately by imposing sanctions, then a deadline for Iraqi withdrawal, and finally a commitment to armed action should Saddam Hussein refuse. He has, and the nations of the world have responded.

True, the United States has committed the most to the effort—this is logical. The U.S. is, simply, the only nation with the political and military power necessary to effectively enforce the U.N. resolutions.



Draft preferable to Canadian lifestyle

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With war festering in the Persian Gulf, Canada becomes a mighty attractive venue. Breathtaking scenery, fresh air, and no draft, right? Well, not quite. Canada can hardly be termed a haven for the most severe of conscientious objectors, as extradition laws have toughened up.

Canada is no longer a sure bet for draft dodgers, but there are several other reasons why Canada could not, in my book anyway, make it onto the list of the 10 best destinations for war-time refuge.

In the event of a draft, I would fight in the war. But before you recruiters come beating down my door to sign me up for your war, save your ration breath. I would only march to the drum of the law, which in these days tends to beat emotionally only for those who own the guns.

I would contend that almost all men between 18 and 24 have thought about being drafted. I know I have thought extensively about it. It's a scary notion.



EDITOR'S COLUMN

I believe the draft is coming soon, but I'm not packing my bags for northern travel. Here's why:

■1. *My car wouldn't make it.* My car has trouble getting down the block, let alone an 800-mile excursion to the Canada border. If my car could talk, it would tell you I'm the anti-Christ, not Saddam Hussein.

■2. *It's too cold in Canada.* It's a fact that every arctic blast we feel here probably has hit Canada first. I don't even own a parka.

■3. *How would I live in Canada?* I'm poor enough as it is, and even if I had enough gas money to make the trip there, where would I stay? I hear Canada keeps its streets pretty clean, so I wouldn't be able to blanket myself with trash during those cold Montreal nights. I guess there are some things you can only get in the U.S.

■4. *Canada has poor entertainment value.* I figure as long as I'm dodging the draft, I might as well catch a hockey game. But now that Wayne Gretzky has left Edmonton, what to do? Toronto's SkyDome is pretty cool, but give me the Yankees and natural turf anyway. And we shouldn't forget about Canada's musical wasteland, as it has given us Bryan Adams, Glass

Tiger, and Anne Murray. Puke.

■5. *Canada's Political Wuss Factor.* Brian Mulroney, Brian who? The Canadian political machine (I'm chuckling) seems to be a monument to political symbolism, paying lip service to the U.S. No matter what your ideology, it would be nice to have a government that's fun to watch in the news.

■6. *My French is rusty.* I like to speak French every now and then. And if I'm feeling confident, and just a little bit nuts, I've been known to go outside and scream "Depeche Mode" at the top of my lungs. Hey, you only live once.

■7. *As a tennis player, I need someone to root for.* Canada's highest-ranked player is Glenn Michibata, ranked somewhere in the low 100s. Who is he? Didn't he carry McEnroe's bags one time at the U.S. Open? Ahhh, the Michibata era.

Frankly, there's not enough booze in this world that could drive me to Canada, even in times of war. I would rather subject myself to the whims of a fat, overly ambitious war general before singing "Oh Canada" before a game featuring the fifth-place Blue Jays. Canada, you're killing me.

In the days of war, there's little to get excited about. War doesn't get me excited, but avoiding the fight at all costs doesn't do much for me either. How would I look with a gun around my back? Not good, I hope.

Tougher economic times require savvy

BY TERRI MITCHELL
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Where does all your money go? What happens to all the money you work for? How many of you have a savings account? Do you save money on a regular basis?

Did you know if you saved \$1 a day, you would have \$365 saved in a year? And in five years you would have \$1,825?

If you were given a one dollar bill today, what would you do with it? Many of you would spend it on pop or candy.

The impulse is to spend money mostly on conveniences like eating out or on high-tech appliances which can cost as much as two months' pay. Total consumer debt rose from \$97.1 billion in 1969 to \$716 billion in 1989. There is nothing wrong with this, but do most consumers have savings set back for an emergency? How much should we be putting away?

Experts suggest saving at least 10 percent of total take-home pay. But most Americans save different amounts at different stages in their lives.

What's important is to keep the savings habit alive by always saving something. For instance, even \$5 would be a start. When should you begin? As early as you can. Saving money is hard work. And the



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hardest part is simply getting started.

Initially, put your money into a rainy day fund. Try to keep at least three months' worth of living expenses in savings just in case you lose your job and are left with no income. Take no chances with this money.

Next, save for long-range expenses. These are steps you should follow:

- 1. Set savings goals;
- 2. Pay yourself first;
- 3. Throw stumbling blocks in the path of any impulse buying;
- 4. Try to save found and given money.

How many of you who have a savings account inquired when you opened it about the interest rate, any minimum-balance requirements or service charges, and the method used for computing interest? This is important when first starting a savings account.

It also is important to note at the start that savings accounts are most useful when you discipline yourself to deposit a certain amount each time you have that green stuff in your hand. This could be done through payroll deductions at work, automatic transfers from your checking account, or regular deposits on your own. If you were to deposit \$50 each month, after five years you would have \$3,368 and after 10 years, \$7,581. This includes interest paid at the rate of 5.5 percent per year and compounded daily.

Saving accounts are usually safe. Almost all banks are automatically insured for up to \$100,000 per ac-

count by the FDIC, a government agency, in the event they get into financial trouble and go out of business.

Three factors have directly influenced our use of money in recent years:

■Most Americans no longer live at a survival level. They earn enough to afford modern-day luxuries, to save and invest, to educate, and hopefully retire at the age of 60 to 65.

■Borrowing has become an accepted way of life. Every year, 10 million Americans take out loans and are encouraged to use credit cards because the cards are a fast and easy method of purchasing—something unheard of in our grandparents' time.

■Inflation has begun to eat sharply into the real value of our dollars, forcing us to search for ways to catch up.

According to a July 30, 1990, article in *U.S. News and World Report*, economist Edward Yardeni predicts the personal savings rate will hit 10 percent by 1993, well above its historic norm of 7 percent.

Savings accounts pay interest. Getting a 6 percent return is certainly a lot better than hiding your cash under a mattress or leaving it, at no interest, in some checking accounts. *Money Magazine*, February 1990, states just as the savings rate has turned somewhat up, interest rates have started to sag. And most analysts predict that the scramble to find safe yields will get even tougher this year as the economy slows.

To afford the 90s and beyond, we are all going to have to be more conscientious. Where your money goes now can decide your future. Maybe you will make the right choice before you decide to save a small dollar or blow it!

YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

Rodeo at MSSC: a thumbs-down

I am amazed and appalled to learn that MSSC has become the home of a rodeo organization. Far from being the kind of enriching or enlightening experience one associates with higher education, rodeo is in fact the sort of anachronistic, cruel, and exploitative activity one associates with profound ignorance.

Does anyone suppose those brave cowboys and cowgirls are out there taming wild animals? Rodeo animals are provoked into their "aggressive" behavior. Electric prods, sharp sticks, and caustic ointments are used to irritate and upset them. A bucking strap is tightly cinched around a horse or bull on the abdomen or groin, and it is PAIN that makes them buck. Imagine also

Military offers blacks opportunity

Many newspapers are carrying stories on the over-representation of blacks in the U.S. armed forces. "Blacks bear an unfair portion of the burden of national defense," complain the media and several self-anointed "leaders" of black Americans. Many conclude that America should pull out of Saudi Arabia rather than wage war with such an army. The claims of these newspapers and of blacks' "leaders" are a base insult to the courage and patriotism of America's black soldiers.

Young people normally join the military out of a combination of patriotism and thirst for economic opportunity. The opportunities offered by the military attract a disproportionate number of blacks, since a disproportionate number of blacks are poor. Throughout American history impoverished minorities have sought opportunity in the armed forces, and they have often found it.

Is the U.S. military now to prevent blacks from seeking their fortunes this way? Should it forbid not more than 12 percent of the service to be black? Whom would that benefit? Certainly not impoverished blacks. One hopes that one day improved education, prosperity, and reform will cure the poverty, abysmal schooling, and welfare traps that now impede so many blacks' progress; until then, closing off one of the few good opportunities this minority has can only worsen things. The rest of American society would hurt too: its defenses would be cut in number and

quality.

Or are the U.S. armed forces now to evacuate from Saudi Arabia rather than fight, because blacks constitute too large a percentage of those who will fight and thus die? That is a despicable racist idea. Black soldiers are responsible adults who knowingly swore to lay their lives on the line in time of war, the same oath taken by every soldier. They judged this terrible risk worthwhile; they were not children who didn't understand what they were doing. On the whole, black soldiers are professionals who earn their pay and benefits by providing one of the most precious services imaginable: defense of this nation. Now that the United States needs its soldiers, shall it convert the services of black soldiers into a mere farce by not using them in the line of duty? Anyone who would do such a thing is treating the black soldier like a welfare bum, drawing the wages of a soldier but not earning them when the time comes. What viler insult could there possibly be to the honor and integrity of the black men and women of the American military? The brave men of the 54th Massachusetts must be rolling over in their graves.

Daniel R. Baker

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Reasons for war should be clear

BY KAREN TAYLOR
SENIOR HISTORY MAJOR

At the beginning of the Fall 1990 semester, the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait sat on the back burner of the American political scene. Discussion centered on the "budget crisis" of the Bush administration and Congress. Once a deal was finally hammered out, attention focused more on sanctions and troop build-ups in the Middle East.

As the Spring 1991 semester begins, the United States has initiated a war against Iraq. Daily radio or television reports with anxious soldiers promising to "kick butt" began. Their statements were not wholly unexpected from those trained to kill with automatic weapons strapped across their chests. Such talk frightens me; it sounds like a high school boy threatening the guy who made a pass at his girlfriend, not someone facing over 500,000 Iraqi troops. I opposed U.S. offensive action against Iraq for three reasons.

1. It remains unclear what American troops are fighting for. George Bush and James Baker defined the necessity of U.S. action no less than three different ways. Initially, Bush said Saddam Hussein represented a danger to the standard of living enjoyed by Americans (Is he a danger to those of us who don't enjoy our standard of living?). Several weeks later James Baker told us the Gulf confrontation was about protecting jobs. As we enter this recession, does the Iraqi situation brake its effects? My job does not hinge on events in the Middle East. I am sure laid-off Able Body workers are happy to hear the protection of American jobs is tied to the Middle East. (If we win the war do they get their jobs back?) In a Sept. 11 address to a joint session of Congress, Bush declared the U.S. would fight to maintain the new world order, characterized by cooperation and harmony (as evidenced by the occupation of the Baltic States).

I give up, Mr. Bush. Which reason is it? I have heard many times in the past few months that the world cannot tolerate Hussein's "naked aggression." Let's cut through the rhetoric, please. "Naked aggression" sounds like Hussein disrobed and hit on an ambassador's wife.

The United States has tolerated aggression several times (perhaps wisely, perhaps not) without sending 300,000 troops; I will not bore you with descriptions of "naked" acts of aggression against Palestinians, Latvians, and Lithuanians. "But those are internal problems, not one country invading the another," is a comment I often hear. Apparently many Americans have forgotten that in 1948 the United Nations established Jewish and Palestinian countries. Today only the Jewish one exists.

2. The United States is bearing a disproportionate amount of the responsibility for a supposedly "international" coalition. The United States does not depend upon Iraq and Kuwait for its oil. Germany and Japan, countries that do, are absent from the front lines. Even if Japan had an army that could contribute troops (it does not), it is used to paying for its oil. When this is finished, it will continue to purchase oil, whether from Kuwait or an Iraqi-controlled Kuwait. Because Hussein can't drink the oil, he will eventually sell it. Germany is not involved in the Gulf situation, concentrating instead on the problems posed by

reunification.

Several nations that have committed troops to the coalition are not solid members of it. Egypt and Syria have committed over 40,000 soldiers. Egypt stated that it would not fight inside Iraqi borders (it does not want to occupy an Arab nation) and it is unclear whether Syria would participate in any offensive action. Egypt warned Israel to stay out of any conflict; while, of course, Israel maintained its right to defend itself in any manner it sees fit. Israel reiterated that right following the bombing of Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Although Britain has stood staunchly behind the U.S., France worked independently of the U.S. to seek a peaceful solution. Francois Mitterand worked diligently to create a plan for peace that included Iraqi withdrawal and the convening of an international peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict. This plan was unacceptable to Bush (read his lips, "NO COMPROMISE") because he considers the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Iraqi invasion separate issues.

Mr. Bush, wake up. Whether you or anyone else likes it, Saddam Hussein, supported fervently by the Palestinians and with his threats to attack Israel, linked the two issues. To ignore it even after a military victory would leave the roots of instability in the region in place.

United States troops comprise approximately 70 percent of the "international" force. For that reason alone, the force is not international. It does have international endorsement, but the United States, through the United Nations Security Council resolutions, gave its own troops permission to fight. As Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney said, Americans will fight in this war and Americans will die in this war.

3. Sanctions were not given sufficient time to work. Sanctions, combined with a much smaller troop presence, stopped Hussein from advancing. Without a single shot being fired, the Iraqi army was stopped in its tracks and all the hostages were released.

William Safire claimed that sanctions were merely "dressing weakness in a tough jacket." Calling sanctions weak underestimates their effect. Of course breaches occur; of course goods get in. But Bush had established a strong international consensus to enforce sanctions. Iraq would have (and did) feel the pressure. Not enough people realize that sanctions take time to be effective. Far less people are willing to spend the time. Patience and diplomacy often go hand in hand.

The strongest argument against sanctions was that they would have allowed Iraq time to develop nuclear weapons. Israel launched a successful surgical strike to remove Iraq's nuclear facilities in 1982. The United States and British intelligence stopped shipments of vital nuclear technology before they reached Iraq. Iraqi nuclear weaponry has been a fear for many years; never before did the problem require over 400,000 soldiers to solve.

I could not kill an Iraqi soldier. I wouldn't know why I was supposed to hate him or why I should have to die. If my country or my home were threatened, then I would be willing to not only defend myself, but to kill. However, my country and my home are not threatened.

Mr. Bush, my brother Jason is 18 years old. In an essay on what a possible Iraqi War meant to him, he wrote that peace was sitting in our grandmother's kitchen. If he is forced to die in your useless war, will you come to her house and explain why Jason had to die? Maybe then we will finally get some answers.

Stop this war now, Mr. Bush, before I lose someone I love.

EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

Muscle Melt

The Royal Adelaide Hospital warned of the dangers of South Australia's recent intense heat waves after a German tourist was admitted in critical condition suffering from heat-stroke-induced "muscle melt." The 30-year-old woman had traveled into the 100-degree southern summer weather of Alice Springs from Germany, where temperatures were near freezing. The stroke led to a two-day coma, brain damage, complete kidney failure, and caused "muscle melt," a condition where intense heat makes muscles liquefy.

Winter Twisters

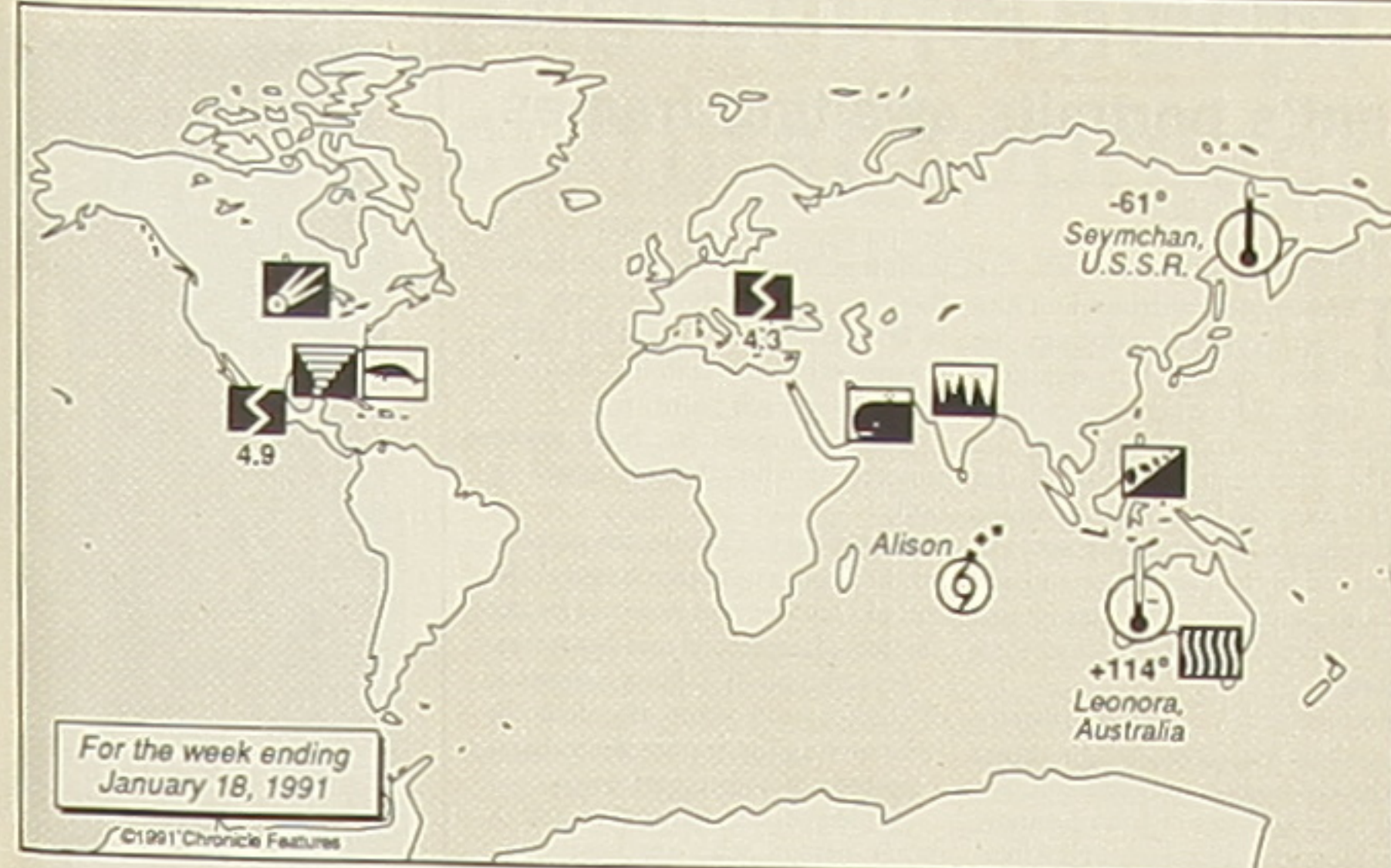
Freak wintertime tornadoes raked South Florida's Dade and Broward counties, smashing windows, flipping airplanes, ripping off roofs, and leaving residents shaken but mostly unharmed. At least 20 planes were damaged or destroyed as the twister ripped a 100-yard-wide swath through the south side of North Perry Airport in Pembroke Pines.

Light Show

Sky watchers across much of North America were treated to a man-made aurora when scientists released clouds of barium and lithium vapor from a research satellite. The barium formed a purple streak in the earth's magnetic field, while the lithium produced a red one. The project was designed to increase our understanding of geomagnetic storms in space, which can disrupt electrical transmission and communications systems.

Earthquakes

In an unusually quiet week for worldwide seismic activity, earth movements were felt only in southwestern Mexico and eastern Romania.



Tropical Storms

Tropical cyclone Alison, the season's first in the southern Indian Ocean, moved harmlessly over open waters with maximum winds of 50 miles per hour.

Still Freezing

The biting cold wave, which claimed hundreds of lives across the northern Indian subcontinent in recent weeks, continued. Further deaths were prevented during the week largely due to the efforts by government and religious organizations to help the poor and homeless cope with overnight temperatures, which averaged 14-18 degrees colder than normal.

Landslide

Rescuers dug out 10 bodies from a landslide at a mining area in the central Philippines where officials fear that up to 85 people may have been

trapped in 16 buried shanties. Forty-five others were injured by the slide on Mount Diwalwal in Davao del Norte province, 580 miles south of Manila.

Manatee Migrations

Unseasonable warmth across Florida apparently has caused manatees, also known as sea cows, to migrate in the wrong direction. "People, especially boaters, need to be aware that they may come upon manatees in areas where they usually don't see them this time of year," warned Pat Rose, head of the protected species division of the Florida Department of Natural Resources. Radio-tagged manatees were detected moving northward from Brevard County back toward Jacksonville, in the far north of the state. Wildlife officials had planned to conduct the first coordinated state-wide manatee count once the marine mammals had congregated at their usual winter

locations.

War Victims

As fears of an environmental disaster resulting from the war in the Persian Gulf waned, environmentalists told of the recent deaths of marine mammals in the region. Guenther Behrmann, an international whale expert, said that three whales which washed up on beaches in Oman, the southernmost gulf state, were killed by collisions with warships. "A bulky creature such as a sperm whale—weighing up to 40 tons—is defenseless against floating mines, loose shots, collisions and toxic waste from warships," said Behrmann, who is in Oman preparing for an exhibition on the creatures.

Additional Sources: Australian Bureau of Meteorology, British Meteorological Office, U.S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.

Students give views on Persian Gulf war

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Much of Missouri Southern's campus was buzzing last Thursday, but it was more than idle chatter.

Southern students were talking about war.

President Bush's decision to begin the "liberation of Kuwait" Jan. 16 was greeted by majority approval, according to television network polls. Despite these figures, many U.S. cities are experiencing anti-war demonstrations, some in the form of peaceful vigils, others in the form of violent riots.

Demonstrations—for or against the war—have been absent at Southern. In fact, with the exception of some "Watch Out Saddam" posters in residence hall windows, visual student opinion is almost non-existent. Some denote this absence as a

sign of apathy, but Southern students do have opinions about the war.

Walter Resa, senior physical education major, said he is willing to back the United States' position.

"We have to support the president and the troops," Resa said. "We have to be patriotic. Isn't that what the U.S. stands for?"

Pat Testerman, a post-graduate student, also backs the war effort.

"I support President Bush's decision, although I fear for the men (troops)," Testerman said.

Hai Tram, sophomore computer science major, said he tries not to concern himself with the situation.

"You have to cope with it and follow the decision of the President," Tram said.

About Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, Resa, who has relatives serving in the war, said: "He's kind of crazy, I think."

Testerman believes Hussein should

not be taken lightly.

"Saddam is crazy," she said. "If we let this go, he might try to take over other countries. He should be stopped now rather than later."

To those who argue that Kuwait's problems are not the U.S.'s concern, Testerman says "The world has gotten so small that anything that happens affects us and is our business."

Resa said whether or not it is the U.S.'s business is irrelevant.

"It may not be our business," he said, "but we're in it and we might as well back it."

Mike Davis, senior criminal justice major, has a different perspective.

"Looking at the situation from a black point of view, I am against the war," Davis said. "It is for this simple reason: who benefits from a war? How do the blacks benefit?"

While some worry that the gulf war could become "another Vietnam," Davis wonders if the results

will be the same for black servicemen.

"The black man fought in Vietnam and didn't gain," he said. "There was still the same prejudice when they came back."

Davis admitted the threat of Hussein gaining nuclear capabilities worries him, but reminds Americans how Hussein came this far.

"Who gave him (Hussein) that power? We helped build up the monster, and now we have to deal with it," Davis said. "Why did we give him that much power in the first place?"

Regardless of circumstances that led to the conflict, many Southern students are now facing the first war they can remember. According to Tram, there is not much that talking or worrying can do to help resolve the war.

"All you can do is pray that peace is coming soon."

Kaifu's plan for help in Gulf war called 'plot'

ASAHI NEWS SERVICE

Opposition parties in the Diet oppose Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu's plan to send Air Self-Defense Force (ASDF) transport planes to the Middle East to help evacuate refugees.

Most opposition parties say the plan neglects public sentiment and previous debate in the Diet. In November, a bill aimed at enabling the government to send Self-Defense Forces (SDF) medical, communications, and transport personnel to the Persian Gulf to help the multinational force was defeated by the opposition parties.

The government interpretation of the Constitution bans dispatching Japan's military overseas to participate in any military activities. However, Kaifu said that from a humanitarian standpoint and at the request of international refugee relief organizations the military may

be permitted to cooperate in the evacuation of gulf war refugees.

However, Japan Socialist Party Chairwoman Takako Doi disagreed.

"The plan is nothing but a plot to force the overseas dispatch of the SDF in the confusion of war, which will hurt Asian countries' trust in our country," she told Diet members. She also urged Kaifu to exert more of his time working to end the conflict.

"Japan is the only industrialized country that has kept its hands clean in the region, and it is entitled to take the initiative for peace," she said.

Kaifu should call for an immediate truce and an urgent meeting of the U.N. General Assembly to prevent the war from escalating, she said.

Only centrist Democratic Socialist Party Chairman Keigo Ouchi expressed support for the plan. He said that if current laws do not authorize the operation it is the Japanese leg-

islators' duty to amend them.

The Diet reconvened Jan. 18, a week earlier than scheduled to deliberate the Japanese contribution to the international effort in the Persian Gulf crisis.

A Foreign Ministry official said the Defense Agency and the Cabinet Legislation Bureau have not yet concluded whether the plan to send ASDF transport planes is authorized under the Self-Defense Forces Act. However, Kaifu and ruling Liberal Democratic Party leaders have said it is possible to interpret the law in favor of the plan.

Japan's major political parties differ on what steps the nation should take in the gulf region.

Kaifu said an Iraqi retreat from Kuwait and the restoration of the legitimate Kuwait government is the only way to restore peace in the Middle East. He reaffirmed his full support for the U.S.-led multinational

force's efforts to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait.

Koshiro Ishida, the chairman of Komeito, Japan's second largest opposition party, said the plan to send the transport planes goes beyond the limits of the Constitution.

According to the Foreign Ministry, the International Organization for Migration has asked Japan to dispatch civilian or military planes to evacuate refugees from Amman, Jordan, to Cairo, Egypt.

The organization has helped evacuate refugees from Kuwait and Iraq since the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion. Around a million refugees, 90 percent of whom are Egyptians who had worked in Iraq or Kuwait, are camped near Amman, the ministry said.

The Japanese government has informally requested Japan Air Lines and All Nippon Airways to make preparations for the mission.

Demonstrators should practice what they preach

We are a nation at war. The war is being fought on two fronts: the battlefields of the Middle East, and in the streets of our own country.

On the one hand, in Iraq, our nation is the obvious aggressor. Here, however, we are being attacked, not by Iraq, but by our own people.

Protestors all over the country have been voicing their opinions for weeks prior to the first attacks. Now, as always seems the case with demonstrators, they are trying to make their point for peace—with war.

Rocks are being thrown, fires set, conflagrations involving demonstra-

tors and the police are becoming more frequent every day—they are even burning the American flag. People, in constant contradiction, are screaming for peace and harmony while wielding rocks and sticks to strike out at anyone who gets in their way.

Why must these misguided people blindly scream for peace, at the exclusion of all else? "No blood for oil" is a battle cry that has long ago lost its usefulness. This is not a war for oil, and the only way to bring sense to those protestors is to make them see that fact.

Perhaps, if we had not attacked

Iraq and let Saddam Hussein continue his reign of terror in the Middle East, five years from now when he had built up a substantial nuclear arsenal to use against us (which he would), we would see many of the same demonstrators whining about why we didn't put a stop to this madman when we had the chance. I would bet on that fact.

Blindness to the facts is what drives protestors worldwide. They read the headlines, but ignore the details. They formulate opinions based on rumors, never needing confirmation, and voice these opinions loudly and violently all over the

world.

What I would like to say to these people, on a personal level as well as to stop their attempts to weaken the morale of their fellow Americans, is this:

Close your mouths and open your eyes and ears. We all want peace, but, as you are so quick to show by your actions, sometimes you have to fight to keep peace. So, instead of blindly screaming for "no war," hope and pray, like everyone else, for a short war.

Kenneth E. Scoggins

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the pain endured by a gentle calf when it is running up to 27 miles per hour, then jerked to a stop by a rope around its neck.

Dr. C.G. Haber, a veterinarian who spent 30 years as a federal meat inspector and saw many animals who were discarded from rodeos, described those animals in an interview with the Humane Society of the United States: they were "so extensively bruised that the only areas in which the skin was attached was the head, neck, leg, and belly. I have seen animals with six to eight ribs broken from the spine and, at times, puncturing the lungs. I have seen as much as two to three gallons of free

blood accumulated under the detached skin."

Whoever approved the misbegotten idea of an MSSC rodeo club needs to re-examine that decision. While public colleges are properly homes to many opinions, they are not proper settings or sponsors of activities which exploit, torture, and maim helpless animals—and that with no more excuse than "entertainment."

I hope enlightened members of the MSSC and Joplin community will join me in demanding no rodeo at Southern!

Jean A. Blackwood
Carthage

Paintings on hold Dent's portraits awaiting frames

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CAMPUS EDITOR

The mystery surrounding four Denny Dent paintings has been solved, but questions still linger as to when they will be displayed for student viewing.

The paintings, purchased for \$2,000 after the Oct. 5 Homecoming performance by Dent, have yet to be displayed in the Lions' Den or cafeteria as promised. This has caused some students to wonder about their existence.

According to Val Carlisle, director of student activities, the paintings are locked up in a storage room. She said the paintings of John Lennon, Jimi Hendrix, Billy Joel, and Albert Einstein are being kept rolled up until the College's physical plant can get frames built.

The Campus Activities Board approached the physical plant about building frames for the four-foot-by-six-foot paintings after estimates from area framing companies proved costly.

"Some of those companies wanted close to \$700 apiece to frame those because they are so huge," Carlisle said.

Because of the cost, the CAB chose

to have the frames built on campus, saving approximately \$300 on each painting. After the frames are built, they, along with the paintings, are to be taken to Ben Franklin Crafts for mounting and framing, at a cost of \$102 for each painting.

However, questions have arisen concerning when the frames will be built.

According to Carlisle, the supplies for the frames were purchased at the end of October and received by the physical plant around mid-November.

According to Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant, the delay in constructing the frames stems from a backlog of unfinished work.

"We have one carpenter and a repair person who are kept thoroughly busy with small jobs every day," he said.

Beeler said the physical plant works from a priority list. Every job it has pending is on that list.

The priority of the jobs is set by Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. After Tiede assigns the priority, the physical plant works on jobs in that order.

Beeler said although the frames are not top priority, he did not see why "they can't get the frames out within a couple of weeks."

TIE A YELLOW RIBBON



Missouri Southern students are showing their support for the American and allied troops participating in Operation Desert Storm by tying yellow ribbons around the trees in front of Billingsly Student Center.

CHRIS COX/The Chart

Efforts underway to save the Barn

BY PAUL HOOD
STAFF WRITER

Since the Barn Theatre was razed by fire Nov. 22, efforts have been made to help rebuild the historical structure.

Lory St. Clair, vice president of the Campus Activities Board, has been appointed by the Student Senate to "save the Barn if allowed to."

Since she was handed that responsibility, St. Clair has made several efforts to raise money to repair or rebuild it. During the past two semesters, money made from CAB movies has been put into a fund to save the Barn. Those savings now total approximately \$150, she said.

St. Clair had planned to propose at last night's Student Senate meeting that a "Save the Barn" fund be opened. She also hopes to have a fund raiser at the Spring Fling picnic in April.

Funding for the Barn also could come from the Feb. 3-14 Phon-A-Thon. People may be able to donate specifically to the Barn, St. Clair said, if details are worked out through the Missouri Southern Foundation.

While St. Clair continues her efforts to raise money for the Barn Theatre, its future is still uncertain. She says she was assured by Bob Beeler, director of Southern's physical plant, that the Barn will not be destroyed. Instead, "it will be restored or a facsimile of the original Barn will be built," St. Clair said.

"I'm relieved, but my job has only begun," she said. "We're on the safe side. Now it's essentially a matter of funding."

Despite St. Clair's optimism, some maintain the Barn's future is not that bright.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said the "preference is to repair the Barn or build a new building," but he added that "demolishing the Barn without building anything in its place is a third option."

"Right now we're in an information hold," Tiede said. "We're getting cost figures from an architect before deciding what to do."

At last week's meeting of the Board of Regents, Tiede reported the College had received nearly \$100,000 in an insurance settlement for the Barn, but that the money wouldn't be enough to build a new theatre or restore the building to a functional condition.

Said Tiede, "\$100,000 is probably enough to repair the Barn to its former state, but that wouldn't be good enough for its continued use as a theatre."

"We probably won't repair the theatre," Beeler said. "If it isn't simply demolished, we will rebuild. This isn't final, but the approach that has been suggested is a theatre-in-the-round which would require a slightly different structure [than the present building]."

Movie roster set

Latest flicks on tap for coming months

BY MICHELLE HARMS
STAFF WRITER

An explosion of movies is in store for Missouri Southern students this semester.

The Campus Activities Board has planned a non-stop schedule that includes some of the latest movies to be released.

The movies to be featured range from classic love stories to action pictures. The spring schedule includes *Pretty Woman*, *Days of Thunder*, *Ghost*, and *Christine*.

In an attempt to increase turnout, the CAB has rented fewer movies in exchange for more recent releases. The purpose of the change is an effort to attract larger audiences, including a larger percentage of non-traditional students. Andy Love, CAB co-chairman of movies, said 30 to 40 students usually turn out to see the movies.

"When we showed *Die Hard 2* over 100 people attended," Love said. "The turnout was fantastic."

Door prizes will be given out at the movies this semester.

"When the students come into the movie they are each given a ticket which has a number on it," Love said. "During the movie we draw numbers to give out the prizes."

Prizes given will relate to the movie being shown.

"For the movie *Christine* we're considering giving away remote control cars," Love said.

During the showing of *Ducktails*, four videocassettes of the cartoon show will be given away as prizes, with coloring books and stickers given to the children.

Which movies are shown each semester is determined at CAB board meetings. Students are invited to attend regular meetings and suggest films for the future. The board looks at the list of suggested movies and eliminates those which have been seen recently or those not in good taste.

According to Love, this semester's films were rented from Films Incorporated at a cost of nearly \$3,000. The amount is in line with the average budget for the film program.

In selecting the movies, one cartoon has been chosen per semester.

"These movies are shown for those non-traditional students with children and for all of the other students as well," Love said.

Admission for the movies is 50 cents per person. Profits will go into the CAB's Save the Barn fund.

With the exception of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, movies will be shown on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show will be shown at dusk at the Biology Pond pavilion.

"It's shown outside, since there is a lot of audience participation dur-

CAB Spring Movie Schedule

Jan. 14-15	Die Hard 2
Jan. 28-29	Duck Tales the Movie
Feb. 11-12	Pretty Woman
Feb. 27	Glory (9:30 p.m.)
March 4-5	Christine
April 1-2	Ghost
April 8-9	Rocky Horror: Dusk, Biology Pond Pavilion
April 29-30	Days of Thunder

Movies are 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

ing the movie," Love said. "People throw toast and shoot water guns at the screen."

According to Love, the CAB has asked students to bring only environmentally safe items to the movie.

"We asked that they bring things like birdsseed, so that after we are gone, the birds have something to eat," he said.

Love said *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* has become a tradition.

"I don't know when it started, but it's shown every spring," Love said.

The movies not only provide entertainment, but also relate to other events on campus.

"We will show *Glory* one night only during Black History month," Love said. "We chose *Glory* because it's a really motivating movie. It shows blacks overcoming overwhelming odds."

CHEERS program sets schedule for semester

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CAMPUS EDITOR

Formed last semester, a program designed to curb drunk driving is planning to hold several activities this semester.

CHEERS (Creatively Helping to Establish an Educated and Responsible Society) is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Public Safety and the Missouri Division of Highway Safety.

Missouri Southern's chapter kicked off this semester's activities by holding a dance with a non-alcoholic bar in the Lions' Den last week. The Campus Activities Board and the Residence Hall Association co-sponsored the dance.

According to Doretta Lovland, CHEERS' co-student coordinator, the CAB and RHA co-sponsored the event because CHEERS does not have any specific funds.

"We don't have any money, like CAB has a fund and RHA has a fund," Lovland said. "So we are at the will of other organizations to help us out, and so far CAB and RHA have been wonderful to sponsor activities."

Lovland said although CHEERS does not have a definite schedule for the semester, because of the positive reaction to the dance last week, it probably will sponsor more activities.

Lovland said more than 300 students attended last week's dance, "the largest dance in years."

"One person said this was the most professional dance that they have seen at Southern," she said. "Others have come up and expressed

an interest in getting involved with CHEERS after attending the dance."

According to Lovland, students interested in becoming involved with the CHEERS program can call or stop by the South Hall office and leave their name and phone number.

She said CHEERS would contact interested students during the planning stage of the next activity.

Lovland said CHEERS hopes to take a campus survey to see what programs students are interested in.

She hopes CHEERS can host a seminar similar to one held last semester, where a guest speaker spoke to students about drunk driving.

"Eighty-seven students attended the seminar last semester when we had a cop come in to speak," Lovland said. "That was just thrilling for me."

Lovland hopes because of the success of the past seminar, others can be held this spring, fulfilling the "Educated" part of the name.

Because the CHEERS program is also targeted at the community, many of the sponsors are establishments who also participate in the program. Frank Evans Distributing and Duffy Distributing, both local beer distributors, donated 15 cases of non-alcoholic beer for last week's dance.

Other community sponsors include Raphael's, Pizza by Stout, Pro Am, Mike's Express, Benito's, Casa Montez, American Food Management, Pizza Hut, Pepsi, Borrowed Money, T-Birds' Lounge, Garfields, Legends, Holiday Inn, Red Lion, Champs, and CG's Lounge.

Orientation gears up for fall

LeBahn announces application process for future class leaders

BY P.J. GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Applications for Orientation leaders are now being taken by the College Orientation program.

Lori LeBahn, coordinator, expects approximately 60 to 80 applicants, but only 50 will be accepted as leaders.

Requirements include a 2.5 grade-point average or better, and 50 or more credit hours. Feb. 22 is the last day applications will be accepted.

"We look for interpersonal skills, communication skills," LeBahn said, "which are basically leadership skills."

Applicants will be interviewed March 5-15 by a committee made up

of LeBahn, members of the student services staff, and executive Orientation officers.

Interviews will last 15 to 20 minutes. Though the applicants will be rated, LeBahn says the interview "won't be a grilling thing."

Those chosen as Orientation leaders will undergo one day a month of training through April, May, and June.

For the leaders, the class offers two hours of credit for the first year and one credit hour the second year. The third year of teaching is classified as an audit.

Program activities include making a "60-second commercial" promoting the Orientation program and having the leaders write

"headlines" for a newspaper telling about their first day of college.

Understanding freshmen is an important part of the job.

"You need to make new freshmen on campus comfortable enough to ask someone where to go for help," said Marica Mashburn, student director and past Orientation leader. "You can't tell them every experience they will have in four years of college, but you can tell them where to go for things."

LeBahn said the program helps the leaders as well as incoming freshmen.

"The feedback I've gotten is 99.9 percent positive," she said. "They learn a lot about themselves and about their professors."

Upcoming Events

TODAY
Jan. 24
Koinonia: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Basement of Apt. B
LDSSA: 12 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC
Art League: 12 p.m., Rm. 305A, Spiva Art Center
Modern Communications Club: Ethics and the Media, 1 p.m., Rm. 314, BSC
Kappa Alpha: 6 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

TOMORROW
Jan. 25
Track Meet: 3 p.m., at the University of Arkansas

SATURDAY
Jan. 26
Lady Lion Basketball: 5:30 p.m., at University of Missouri-St. Louis
Lion Basketball: 7:30 p.m., at University of Missouri-St. Louis
Track Meet: 12 p.m., at Pittsburg State, Running starts at 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
Jan. 27
Super Bowl Party and Dance: 5 p.m., Lions' Den, BSC
College Players: 5:30 p.m., Green Room of Taylor Auditorium
Lambda Beta Phi: 6 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC
Wesley Foundation: Food, Fun and Fellowship: 7 p.m., at the Student Center, Newman Road United Methodist Church
Fellowship Of Christian Athletes: 8:30 p.m., Basement of Apt. B

MONDAY
Jan. 28
LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC
Greek Council: 4 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC
Sigma Nu: 5 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC
CAB Movie: Ducktails, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Second Floor Lounge, BSC
Lady Lion Basketball: 7 p.m., vs. Central Missouri State, Young Gymnasium

TUESDAY
Jan. 29
BSU: 11 a.m., Rm. 311, BSC
LDSSA: 12 p.m., Rm. 314, BSC
Newman Club: 12 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC
Rodeo Club: 5 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC
Koinonia: 7 p.m., College Heights Christian Church
CAB Movie: Ducktails, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Second Floor Lounge, BSC

WEDNESDAY
Jan. 30
LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC
BSU: 12 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC
Student Senate: 5:30 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC
Lady Lion Basketball: 5:30 p.m., at Pittsburg State
Lion Basketball: 7:30 p.m., at Pittsburg State
Wesley Foundation: 8:30 p.m., at the Student Center, Newman Road United Methodist Church

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Fields to cast musical

BY PHYLLIS PERRY
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Beginning next week, interested persons may audition for Southern Theatre's production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, scheduled for April 24-27 in Taylor Auditorium. The auditions will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Call backs will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1. To audition, a person must sign up in the theatre office or call 625-9393 for a five-minute slot.

Dr. Jay Fields, director of the production, said the play will be open to anyone interested in acting.

"We are opening this up to the community," he said, "which includes anybody in the area. I have already had several calls from high school students and parents of high school students. We need actors. We need singers. We need dancers."

Fields plans to cast 35 performers in the upcoming production which will be larger than past shows. He said the most talented auditioners will be selected as performers, and he hopes many Southern students will qualify.

The auditioners selected, according to Fields, will be required to write a character and an objective analysis to help them understand their characters.

"Character analyses are just a list of questions performers have to answer through the mind of the character," Fields said.

"An objective analysis is an actor looking step by step at every scene in which his or her character occurs and determining the motivating drive for that particular scene."

Those wanting to audition but unable to attend regular times may make alternative arrangements.

Auditioners will be given five minutes to deliver a one-minute, serious or humorous contemporary monologue from memory and to perform a show tune.

Any persons performing a show tune to recorded music will be required at the audition to provide their own tape players. A piano will be furnished, but auditioners must provide their own accompanists.

Fiddler on the Roof is a cooperative effort on the part of the music and theatre departments, with Bud Clark as music director and Gerrie-Ellen Johnston directing dance.

PRIMITIVE ARTWORK



Laura Hensley, freshman nursing major, takes time out to view Spiva Art Center's current exhibit.

KAYLEA HUTSON/The Chart

Current exhibit poses 'risk' to Spiva 'Sticks and Stones' gives naturalistic view of primitive man

BY LISA WERST
STAFF WRITER

While "Sticks and Stones" may not break bones, the Spiva Art Center's current exhibit may give viewers a chance to "escape," says Val Christensen, Spiva director.

"Sticks and Stones" is the creation of C. Patrick Rowan, an instructor at the University of Nebraska.

Christensen said the exhibit poses a "risk" for Spiva, due to the unusual nature of the works.

Some artists try to provide an automatic response to their works, but Christensen said this display is different.

"The nature of the exhibit is not

to agitate, but to give a quiet meditative quality," Christensen said.

He said the art show is a reflection of materials used by the primitive Indian. The different pieces are contemplative and a response to nature.

According to Christensen, the exhibit should be enjoyable for the simple reason that "it is nice to escape sometimes."

He said the display has received positive reviews because the works of wood give a peaceful, naturalistic view of primitive man.

Alison Laub, sophomore studio art major, said the exhibit gives her a "spiritual feeling."

Laub said she enjoyed the works she calls "shadow traps" because of

the "peaceful" atmosphere that surrounds the exhibit. As a student of art, she appreciated how light and shadow are created by the work.

Christensen estimates more than 30 or 40 people already have seen the display, which began Jan. 13 and continues through Feb. 10.

Christensen summed up the pieces of the exhibit by calling them a "response to nature."

Spiva is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

The next showing at Spiva will be "Paintings of William Walker and Edward Henry from the Collection of Gulf States Paper." These paintings will be on display from Feb. 17 through March 17.

Festival to adopt cultural approach

Agenda not as laden with activities

BY JAN GARDNER
ARTS EDITOR

The College's new international mission will make its way into the Fine Arts Festival this year, including one full day of art, music, and food from around the world.

According to Dr. Jay Fields, festival chairman, Missouri Southern is hoping to bring an "international flavor into the whole thing."

He said College President Julio Leon has expressed a desire to set aside a Sunday afternoon consisting of booths featuring foreign foods, regional artwork depicting cultural themes, and international music and theatre productions.

Although following along the same lines as last year, Fields said this year's festival will not be as laden with activities.

"Last year was a huge, huge thing," he said. "It was three whole weeks of something every night."

One of the burdens lifted from the planning of the festival is the absence of the International Piano Competition, held at Missouri Southern every other year.

Beginning April 20, the festival

will include performances from all aspects of the fine arts.

The music department opens the festivities with a piano and violin recital from the Klausen-Cass Duo, and continues the musical entertainment with a concert from Southern's orchestra and a classical guitarist sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. A performance by the St. Louis Symphony will close out the festival on May 3.

Fiddler on the Roof will represent the theatre department with its opening on April 24. The art department's contribution will be a show titled "Maiden Voyage."

The art exhibit from St. Louis contains the African sculpture of Robert Powell, along with 15 other Missouri artists.

"It's a new element in visual arts," said Val Christensen, director of the Spiva Art Center.

According to Fields, Leon believes Southern gains much by hosting the festival. He said providing this service to the community enhances the public image of the College, allowing people to view Southern in a different light.

"That alone is worth all the work," Fields said.

MSTV to premiere new art programs

Missouri Southern Television is starting off the year with two new shows featuring local artists, beginning Sunday.

According to Judy Stiles, community service director for MSTV, informative art shows such as these are received with a good degree of interest.

"We've had a number of people call us in regard to another art show we air," Stiles said. "It's a popular format."

"Step-by-Step Watercolors" with John Fitzgibbon airs at 7 p.m. Sundays and Wednesdays. The series features the Webb City artist and instructor sharing his techniques for watercolor painting.

During the program, he demonstrates various painting elements, including basic watercolor washes and color mixing.

"The true joy in teaching watercolors is knowing that the student will have something he or she can

use from now on," he said.

Neosho woodcarver and former Southern art student Mike Kent is the feature of MSTV's second new show, "That Can't Be Wood!"

The new program is scheduled to air at 6 p.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Kent will demonstrate how to turn wood into duck decoys, mallard feathers, and fish.

The title of the program repeats what many people say about Kent's art, which has won various national competitions.

"Nothing is more satisfying than watching a youngster blow on one of my carved birds, hoping to ruffle its feathers," Kent said.

According to Stiles, the programs are designed to inform as well as entertain.

"Step-by-Step Watercolors" and "That Can't Be Wood!" will be shown on K57DR-TV, UHF channel 57; and MSTV, cable channel 18.

Debate team prepares for St. Louis

BY PHYLLIS PERRY
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Not knowing what the future holds can give the little guy an advantage, as demonstrated in style changes being greeted by Missouri Southern's debate team.

Southern's team, consisting of 15-17 members, is the right number for a college this size, according to Dave Delaney, debate coach, but the team often competes against squads with several graduate assistants and twice the number of competitors.

Since parliamentary style relies on common sense and argumentation theory, he said debaters must be able to construct and reinforce arguments in order to compete well.

To prepare for this style, Delaney advises his team to be ready.

"Be smart, read the paper, watch CNN," he said. "Be up on current events, especially national and international [ones]."

"If you know economics and politics and social structures, you can compete very well."

Parliamentary debate also lets the audience become involved, which, Delaney said, can be entertaining.

"It is a little more relaxing in the fact that it tends to be more humorous," he said, "and heckling or good-natured jiving is allowed. It makes it fun."

Delaney believes Southern team members will do well because they are "good Lincoln-Douglas debaters" and have practiced "quite a bit" with parliamentary style.

Because the style is new to this area, Delaney believes Southern will encounter teams "even more inexperienced than we are" during a tournament this weekend in St. Louis.

Although most of Southern's team members have not competed in parliamentary rounds, Delaney has high hopes for two experienced members,

Alicia Ward and Paul Hood. Last year, Ward took second place in parliamentary debate at the Chicago tournament.

The team will leave Joplin at 6 a.m. tomorrow for the University of Missouri-St. Louis and will return Sunday.

All of the team members, according to Delaney, will participate in two public speaking and five debate rounds. But, he said, though it would be great to win, he will not lose any sleep if the team does not.

"This is new to us," Delaney said, comparing debate to football. "You don't start a football program and hope to win the NCAA championships."

He said Southern Illinois University and Kansas State have been the two most powerful debate schools for the last 10 years. Other schools Southern may compete against include North Carolina, Notre Dame, and the University of California.

Coming Attractions

MUSIC

Springfield

Senior Honor Band Concert: Feb. 2; SMSU Music Department; Free admission; 836-5648

Guest Artist Recital: Alan Chow, piano; Feb. 8; SMSU Music Department, Ellis Recital Hall; Free admission; 836-5468

Tulsa

Tulsa Philharmonic: Sunday, Gilcrease Auditorium; 918-747-7445

Tulsa Philharmonic: Featuring Doc Severinson from the "Tonight Show"; Feb. 2; Chapman Music Hall; 918-747-7445

Kansas City

Susan Marshall Dance Company: 8 p.m. Saturday; Rockhurst College Mabee Theater; 926-4127

Kansas City Symphony: Corey Cerovsek, violinist; 8 p.m. nightly and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1-3; Scottish Rite Temple; 471-0400

St. Louis

Neil Young: and his band Crazy Horse, with special guests World Party and Social Distortion; 8 p.m. Monday; Fox Theatre; For tickets, call 314-534-1111

Prague Guitar Quartet: Saturday; Casa; 725-0739

ART

Joplin

Art Exhibit: "Sticks and Stones" Thru Feb. 10; Spiva Art Center

Springfield

"The Art and Antics of Robert Nelson": Thru Feb. 3; Springfield Art Museum; 866-2716

"Corbett Landscapes": Thru Feb. 24; Springfield Art Museum; 866-2716

Tulsa

"The Empire That Was Russia": A photographic record by Sergie Prokudin-Gorsky; Thru Feb. 24; The Philbrook Museum of Art; 748-5314

Kansas City

"The Modern Poster": Thru Jan. 31; Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; 751-1278

St. Louis

Crux Ave Ensemble: Sunday; Forest Park Art Museum; 721-0067

"Porkopolis": Drawings by English artist Sue Coe; Gallery 210, 210 Lucas Hall; Thru Feb. 16; 553-5952

"Horizons": Landscape paintings, drawings, and prints by gallery artists; Towata Fine Arts Gallery; Thru Feb. 17; 618-465-6012

THEATRE

Joplin

"Star Spangled Girl": Thru Sunday; Joplin Little Theatre; 623-3638

"Broadway Bound": by Neil Simon; Tomorrow, Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Feb. 1 and 2; Stone's Throw Theatre; 358-9665

Tulsa

"The Drunkard": Plays each Saturday night; Spotlight Theatre; 587-5030

Kansas City

"Forbidden Broadway, '91": 8 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m. Sunday; Thru Wednesday; Quality Hill Playhouse; 421-7500

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof": Thru Wednesday; American Heartland Theatre, Crown Center level 3; 842-9999

"Cats": 8 p.m.; Thru Wednesday; Midland Center for the Performing Arts; 421-7500

St. Louis

"Terra Nova": Loretto-Hilton Center; Thru Feb. 1; 968-4925

"Ceremonies in Dark Old Men": Thru Sunday, 23rd Street Theatre; Tickets \$10-\$15; 534-3807

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College may join city on project

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Joplin City Council on Monday approved a motion to explore a three-pronged proposal for Turkey Creek, which could involve Missouri Southern.

The motion, advanced by Councilman Earl Carr, calls for development of an alternative long-term project for the creek.

In passing the motion, the Council agreed to reject a proposal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, begin a clean-up of the creek, and initiate contact with Southern to develop a joint venture for the project's long-term management.

According to Carr, his plan would first involve the removal of rubbish and felled trees from the creek, and work should begin relatively soon.

"The goal is to do the work before the spring vegetation growth, so we're talking [about moving forward] pretty quick," he said.

Carr told *The Chart* Tuesday that he anticipates City Manager Leonard Martin to initiate contact with College President Julio Leon "in the very near future."

Since Turkey Creek runs across Southern's campus, Carr believes the College might have an interest in any project the City Council may consider.

"I think the College could be a great help in coordinating that type of plan. Turkey Creek is a problem right now, but if done right, could be a real asset and at the same time control downstream flooding."

The proposal submitted by the Corps of Engineers called for the clearing and widening of the creek channel between Florida and St. Louis Avenues. Action on the project previously had been delayed while local geologist Jan Tupper prepared a report.

Tupper told the Council Monday that samples taken from the creek indicated high levels of heavy metals and that disposal of material dredged from the creek could prove expensive. Tupper said the city likely would have to place such material in a hazardous waste landfill.

ADDRESSING ALTERNATIVES

IN HIGH SCHOOL WITHOUT SPIRITS



Dr. Robert Bartman, Missouri commissioner of education, addresses the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce on increased parental involvement and other issues in education. Bartman was the featured speaker at yesterday's Chamber-sponsored luncheon at the Holiday Inn.

CHRIS COX/The Chart

Education official urges school reform

Parent involvement needed in schools, Bartman maintains

BY JOHN FORD
STAFF WRITER

Speaking before a group of educators and local business people, Dr. Robert Bartman outlined several ideas for improving primary and secondary education in the state.

Bartman, Missouri commissioner of education, spoke at a Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored luncheon yesterday at the Holiday Inn. One of the more prominent ideas discussed was parental involvement in education.

"We have virtually turned the children over to the teachers, particularly during the last 20 years," Bartman said. "That propensity has been there, and we have accepted it as teachers."

"Teachers only get to the kids about 13 percent of the time, when the kids are between the ages of five and 17. It would be erroneous for us to believe that education only takes

place in school."

Another area which would increase the quality of Missouri education is community involvement. During his speech, Bartman said education was important to a community's economic development.

"There is a direct relationship between the quality of schools and the quality of life in an area, and the quality of schools and the quality of economic opportunity," he said.

After his presentation, Bartman offered community leaders and educators a brief question and answer session. One chamber member asked that if he (Bartman) had a "magic wand," what steps would he implement to improve education statewide.

In reply, Bartman said he would like to have a longer school year, more financial resources, more parental and community involvement, and more rapport between teachers and students.

Bartman mentioned recent cuts in education and said Missouri has the potential to have greater spending resources.

"We have got to make a greater investment in our schools," he said.

"We also have got to have more time in school—either by having a longer school year or by having summer sessions."

Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs at Missouri Southern, said Bartman's views on the needs of Missouri education were "absolutely correct," particularly in the case of parental and community involvement.

"The key to success in education is to promote the schools at home," said Brown, who attended Bartman's speech. "It helps to provide the necessary motivation and stimulation children need to be successful in school."

During the question and answer session, a chamber member asked how Missouri ranked in education, compared to the rest of the country. Although Bartman said the state was "above average" nationally, he said it was not wise to compare states, because the United States as a whole is falling behind the rest of the world academically.

"To say that we're above average in the U.S. when the U.S. is being compared to other countries is not

as laudable a goal as it might seem," Bartman said. "For instance, we're generally ranked on the bottom in the area of mathematics, compared with other countries."

"But I will say this—all one has to do is watch TV for the past five or seven days to know that we're doing something right in the areas of technology and mathematics," Bartman continued, referring to the Persian Gulf crisis.

Presenting a brief summary of local educational programs were representatives of Missouri Southern, Franklin Technical School, the Joplin chapter of the National Educational Association, and Newspapers In Education.

Bartman, a 1966 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, also holds a master's degree in secondary school administration, a specialist's certificate in curriculum, and a doctorate in secondary school administration. He was with the department of elementary and secondary education for 13 years before his appointment as commissioner in 1987.

R-8 seeks tax levy increase

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The first of several meetings scheduled to take place in schools across the district occurred Tuesday with the meeting of the Joplin R-8 School Board.

Highlights of the meeting included passage of a resolution to seek an 82-cent increase in the school tax levy and a proposal to keep the Joplin High School swimming program afloat.

The resolution could send the proposed increase to voters as early as June. It calls for an increase not to exceed 82 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. If approved, the school levy would rise from the present \$2.42 per \$100 to \$3.24, a 32 percent hike.

The increase would join \$1.39 million in proposed cuts scheduled to take effect next year. The board cautioned those present that passage of the levy would not serve to restore the cuts brought on by the district's fiscal difficulties.

In response to a question from the floor, the board explained that the 82-cent figure was chosen both for its ability to help alleviate the existing financial crunch and because a larger figure would require a two-thirds vote rather than a simple majority.

According to board members, the state does not intend to increase the amount of funding the district receives above the 1991 level. Further increases in costs, such as hiring new teachers, will be at the district's expense.

At the conclusion of regular business, the public was afforded an opportunity to address the board.

Frank Schaffer, a Joplin dentist, proposed alternative financing to retain the Joplin High School swimming and intramural programs. A portion of the proposed \$1.39 million in cuts would eliminate the programs.

Schaffer claimed his proposal would trim the annual athletic budget by \$23,000 by turning over such expenses as the rental of the pool in Missouri Southern's Young Gymnasium to organizations such as the Joplin High School Booster Club.

According to Schaffer, the booster club has money remaining at the end of each year which might serve as a base for funding the proposal.

Missouri Southern Students Selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Name	Hometown	Class	Major
Karen Clayton	Carthage	Senior	History
Sara Hoover	Carthage	Junior	Nursing
Melissa Sherrel	Carthage	Senior	Math
Rick Laimore	Chelsea, Ok.	Junior	Pre dental
Michelle Carmine	Diamond	Senior	Marketing
Lori Heckmaster	Joplin	Junior	Communications
Emily Casavecchia	Joplin	Junior	Premedicine
Tamara Christie	Joplin	Senior	Economics
Terri Findley	Joplin	Junior	Math Ed.
Betsy Fleischaker	Joplin	Senior	Business Admin.
Lee Hunt	Joplin	Senior	Marketing
Angela Miller	Joplin	Junior	Sociology
Lory St. Clair	Joplin	Junior	Premedicine
Mary Zusiak	Joplin	Senior	Nursing
Liesl Bode	Marionville	Senior	Math Ed.
Kevin Holle	Monett	Junior	Criminal Justice
Lori Sligar	Monett	Senior	Criminal Justice
Richard Davidson II	Neosho	Junior	Accounting
Kim Pellow	Olathe, Kan.	Junior	Math Ed.
Julie Ballard	Oronogo	Junior	Psychology
Christine Howell	Riverton, Kan.	Junior	English
Todd Rhoades	Riverton, Kan.	Junior	Elementary Ed.
Melody Marfatt	Sarcozie	Senior	Biology
Mary Hanewinkel	St. Louis	Junior	Math Ed.
Jennifer Trent	Webb City	Senior	Math Ed.
Emma Jo Walker	Webb City	Junior	Nursing

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Commission finalizes education report

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Efforts to reform Missouri's higher education system by the Missouri Business and Education Partnership Commission are nearly complete after 11 months of study.

The commission, made up of state legislators and businessmen, has been meeting monthly since February 1990. Members have reviewed materials, heard testimony, and commissioned a study of employer needs for the state's higher education system.

In executive session, the panel finalized a report outlining funding and reform needs. The report was presented to the General Assembly earlier this week.

Before the report was finalized, the commission heard testimony from lobbyists and college presidents. Dr. Julio Leon, Missouri Southern president, expressed his concern at a Jan. 14 meeting that college officials had not been consulted for the report.

"In a sense, it seems like it was done by design (the exclusion of college officials)," Leon said. "Perhaps it is understandable that in a study of higher education, that if it (the report) is going to be the result of an objective study, it would be better if it were done by outsiders and not by people involved in education on a day-to-day basis."

Despite this, Leon does not believe the report was compromised but

rather that college presidents could have provided direction in the early stages of the commission's work.

During his testimony Jan. 14, Leon said he generally supported the proposals in the report, many calling for greater power given to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

The report also calls for an additional \$300 million to be allocated to Missouri's education system each fiscal year. Leon said this was an important component of the report, adding that Missouri Southern has "been struggling to try to serve more and more [students] with less and less."

Accompanying the report is a legislative package sponsored by Sen. James Mathewson (D-Sedalia). The package consists of two bills which will be introduced simultaneously today.

According to Ray Schneider, Mathewson's chief of staff, the bills contain a "very high percentage" of the recommendations from the commission report. One bill will focus on the reform issues while the other concentrates on the funding needed.

Schneider said Mathewson's bills contain provisions for strengthening the CBHE, but do not contain the full \$300 million additional funding recommended by the commission.

Schneider would not specify the exact amount, although he said the bills contain reform and funding components for areas of education "from kindergarten through graduate school."

MAKING A POINT



Sen. James Mathewson (D-Sedalia) and Speaker of the House Bob Griffin (D-Cameron) held a press conference after Gov. John Ashcroft's State of the State Address to the General Assembly Tuesday, Jan. 15. Mathewson has introduced bills which would provide money and reform for Missouri education.

Higher Education Briefs

SMSU boosters form committee to raise funding

► Springfield entrepreneur John O. Hammons heads a political action committee formed to raise money for Southwest Missouri State University and political candidates who support higher education.

Wal-Mart executive David Glass of Bentonville, Ark., will serve as vice president, and treasurer will be Bill Barclay, a former SMSU regent and owner of Auto Magic/Jiffy Lube car care centers in Springfield.

The committee, in the formative stages, plans to be registered in Jefferson City as a non-profit corporation and PAC. No fund-raising goals have been set.

Naval ROTC unit to close at UMC

► Missouri's only Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, at the University of Missouri-Columbia, has been slated for closing in 1996.

Chancellor Haskell Monroe, who was surprised of the proposed closing, says he will urge Navy officials to reconsider, based on the quality of the Missouri program, its enrollment, and graduation totals.

Support group for troops starts at Rockhurst

► Frank Smist, director of global studies at Rockhurst College in Kansas City, says about 50 of his students have formed a support network for men and women serving in the Middle East.

The students decided to form the group after learning from some servicemen's families that troops lack basic items, such as Arabic-language guides and sanitary napkins.

"We want to make a positive statement," said Smist. "I cannot fathom why anyone would be opposed to trying to help those Americans who have to go there to fight."

Former student files suit against college district

► A former student employee at Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City and her husband have filed a \$1.1 million sexual harassment lawsuit in federal court against the Metropolitan Community Colleges and a tenured faculty member.

Marie Holman, who worked in a federally sponsored financial aid program at the college in the fall of 1989, alleges that the work study supervisor made sexual remarks and touched her on at least two occasions in October 1989. She contends that she reported the actions to college officials, but nothing was done.

Holman says she was forced to quit her job and drop out of school. She seeks \$250,000 in actual damages and \$750,000 in punitive damages.

CMSU professor to go to Russia

► Audrey Wright, associate professor of education at Central Missouri State University, has been selected to participate in a working conference in Leningrad June 7-14.

The conference, "Teachers as Global Change Agents," is limited to 25 educators—four from each of the six continents connected with higher education. Participants will develop a curriculum for an international teacher training program.

AIDS group rallies at session opening

BY STEVE SAKACH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Nearly 30 protesters disrupted the opening session of the Missouri House Jan. 9 by showering the legislature with flyers, blowing whistles and picketing.

From the public gallery eight members of ACT UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) held the legislature at bay for three minutes. Shortly after Secretary of the State Roy Blunt called the House to order, the activists blew whistles and dropped hundreds of flyers listing demands. At the same time more protesters picketed in the Capitol rotunda.

"I'm tired of going to my friends' memorial service," said Cathy Johnson, a founder of the ACT UP chapter in St. Louis. "I used to give my support the traditional way, but not enough was being done. I'm angry and frustrated because people haven't listened."

ACT UP often has been called militant for many of its protests. The organization's motto, however, explains its motivation: SILENCE = DEATH.

"We have to protest," Johnson said. "People find it easy to turn their backs. People may not like our tactics, but our protests are well researched and well thought out. I had to get involved because I'm tired of seeing my friends buried. People die waiting for benefits."

ACT UP has grown to more than 40 chapters across the nation and in Berlin, Paris, London, Montreal, Melbourne, and Sydney. The organ-

ization has been said to have given the struggle against the AIDS epidemic a focus.

Johnson said the Kansas City and St. Louis groups have tried to meet with Gov. John Ashcroft and other legislators, but have had little success.

"I don't think they did themselves any favor," said Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron) in a *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* report. "Being disruptive will not get them a favorable review from the legislature, if they are trying to get something."

ACT UP's demands include:
■ State funds to be redistributed to private non-profit AIDS service organizations.

■ A voluntary check-off box on the state income tax returns that would allow contributions to the Health Department to fight AIDS.

■ Establishment of a review board to check for AIDS discrimination in nursing homes.

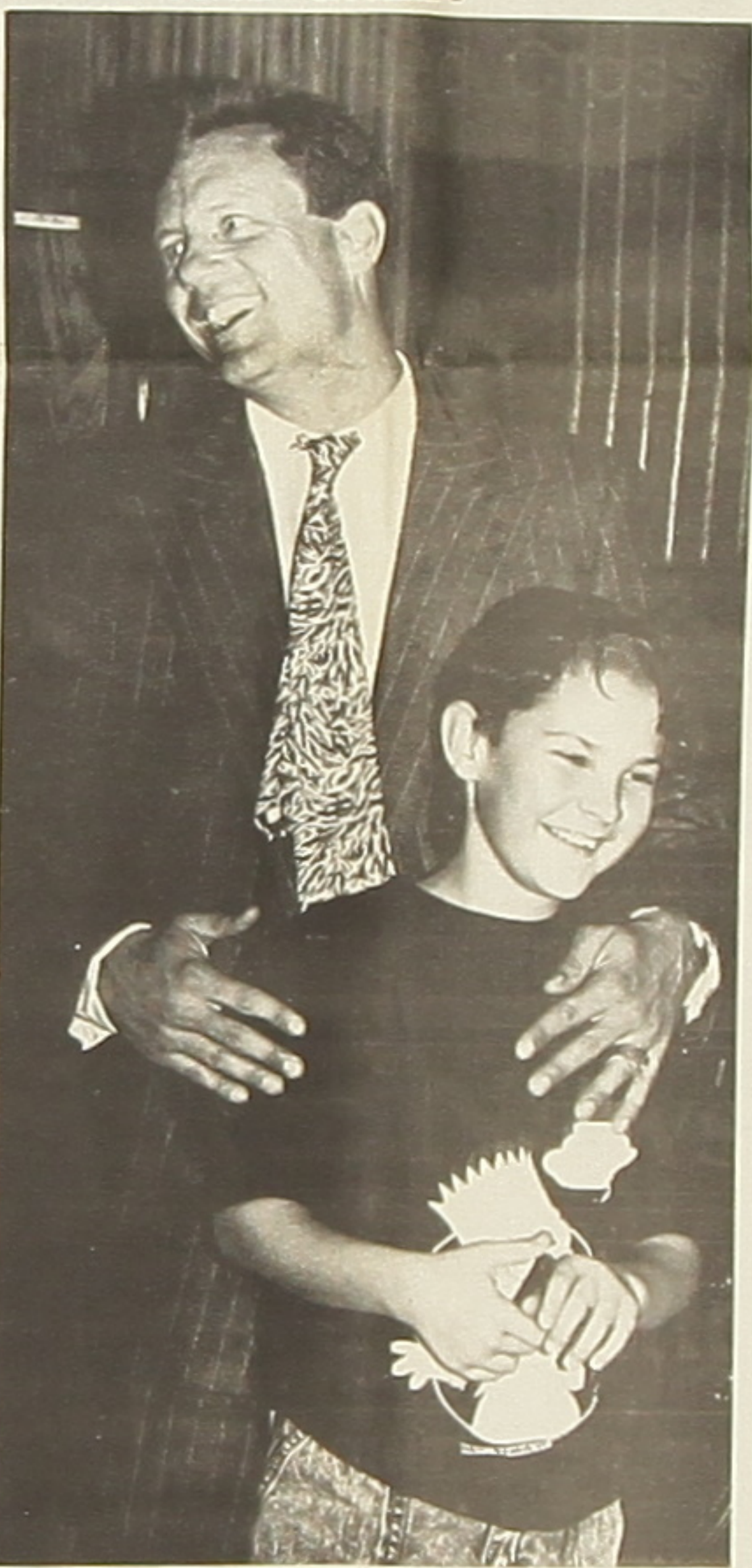
■ Expansion of Medicaid to make anti-AIDS drugs more available.

"None of our demands will require additional money," Johnson said. "We just want it reappropriated. We have done a lot of quiet lobbying, but this is the first we've done at the state level."

Johnson said although they have had some success, she has not seen as much progress as she would have liked.

"It seems to me that a big problem is people's denial about the AIDS problem," she said. "Young people, especially college-age students, don't want to worry about it, but it's real."

MEET AND GREET



Kansas City Royals first baseman George Brett was on hand at the Capitol Tuesday to sign autographs and field questions from fans.

Mansion to open doors to benefit Red Cross

First lady Janet Ashcroft will open the doors of the Governor's Mansion for a Red Cross blood drive tomorrow.

Ashcroft said she decided to use the mansion as a donation site due to recent weather conditions which have made giving blood difficult.

"As a regular donor, I realize the inclement weather has made it difficult for people to get to the donation centers," Ashcroft said. "So I decided to open up this house to help collect blood while collections are so critically low."

She said the heaviest blood use occurs in January and that several blood drives have been cancelled in the area due to the weather.

According to Bob Ferguson, Ashcroft's press secretary, donations in the area have fallen short and hav-

ing the blood drive in such a "visible" area will encourage participants.

"There is a situation here in mid-Missouri where the amount of donations is down dramatically," he said. "So they're looking for donors to give blood."

Ferguson called the location of the mansion "state governmentville," making it more convenient for people who work in the area to participate in the drive.

"Over lunch hour and break people can just walk over and give blood and really help out," he said.

Ashcroft said giving blood is "one of the quickest, easiest, and most beneficial ways to serve our fellow man."

The mansion will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Senators request tighter security

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Although a terrorist attack in the Midwest may seem unlikely, some legislators are expressing concern over security at the State Capitol.

Sen. J.B. "Jet" Banks (D-St. Louis) currently is looking at the cost involved in increasing security levels at the Capitol complex.

Banks said the measures he is considering include the placement of metal detectors in doorways, bullet-proof glass in doors around the Senate and House chambers, and a system of passes required for entrance to the galleries of either chamber.

Banks said the war in the Persian Gulf may have increased the possibility of terrorist attack and the State Capitol is at risk.

"Any place where there is a concentration of large numbers of people, especially the seat of government, would be a prime target," he said.

Brad English, Capitol police chief, said the security force has been upgraded since the war began but would not specify the changes that had been made or what measures are in place to guard against attack.

"Part of the changes are in response to war, and part are for the increase in demonstrations all around the country for different reasons," he said. "Certainly during session we have more groups at the Capitol for that reason."

English said there are no plans to institute an anti-terrorist program at the Capitol.

Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City) said that while he would "hate to subject the citizens of this state" to such measures as metal detectors, he would like to see all members of the 34-member security force carry firearms. Only a few now carry guns.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) said he does not believe security levels need to be heightened; however, he would support such measures if called upon.

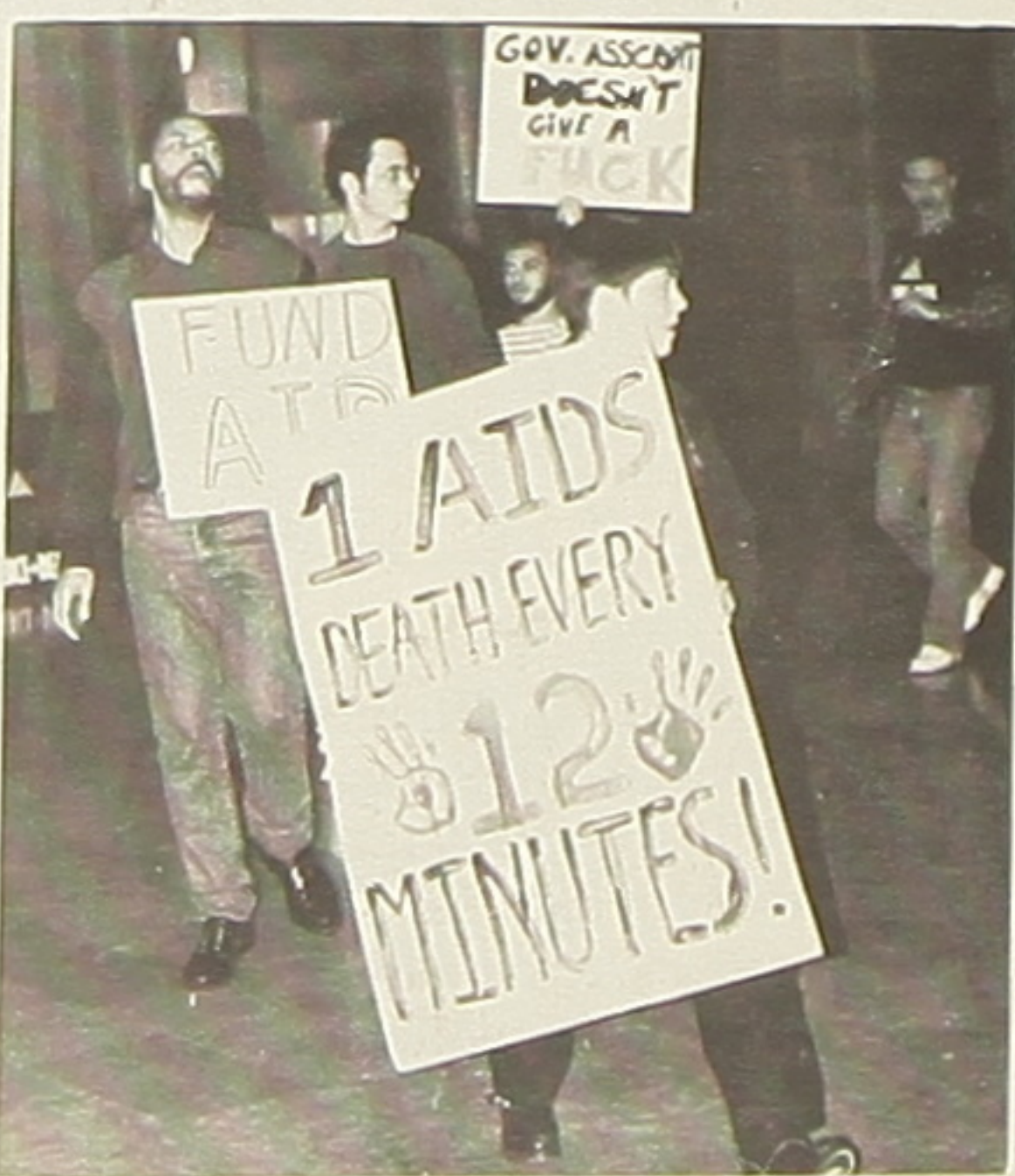
"I'm not too concerned," he said. "We, in fact, have a history of having an extremely available and open State Capitol, and I hope it continues to be so."

"We do in fact have security measures in place, and I feel comfortable with them at the present time."

Banks said he is in the preliminary stages of his work to beef up security measures. He said the only obstacle is the cost involved.

"I never feel like I'm going to be defeated in anything I do," he said. "I don't see how any senator can oppose safety; the question now is money."

DEMANDING CHANGE



STEPHEN MOORE/The Chart

Members of the AIDS awareness group ACT UP picketed in the Capitol rotunda Jan. 9, blowing whistles and yelling slogans demanding greater state funding and support for citizens with the disease.

Fund raising:

It's a bigger business than some might think

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Fund raising is big business. Just ask any of the employees of institutional advancement offices and university foundations around the state of Missouri. They'll tell you that as their goals get bigger, so do the accounts.

Almost every college or university in the state has what are called "university advancement offices" or "foundations" whose sole purpose is to rake together funds for their respective schools. Though most of the foundations and development offices operate separately from their schools' business, the two entities work hand-in-hand.

It's a year-round chore for volunteers and salary-paid fund raisers alike, and with millions upon millions of dollars pouring in from alumni, community businesses, and other areas of the private sector, fund raising is one of the biggest businesses in all of higher education.

"We're trying to make people aware that we're here and that we have something worth investing in," said Dan Ford, a member of Southeast Missouri State University's alumni services office. "We want to provide the best educational experience a student can get, and we want to get the community involved in that."

The community of Cape Girardeau and other areas are involved, to the tune of more than \$15.5 million since 1985, a figure which puts SEMO among the top colleges when it comes to fund raising. SEMO's fund-raising goals are considered ambitious by many, but that's the way it should be, Ford said.

"The funds you receive do not cover the total costs of educating a student," Ford said. "We try to bridge the gap between the actual costs and what is available through normal channels."

At SEMO, gifts can be donated to the institution one of two ways: restricted gifts, which have specific instructions from the donor for the gift to go to a particular program or department, and unrestricted gifts—gifts that are left up to the discretion of the foundation. At SEMO last year, unrestricted gifts totaled \$2.5 million.

Fund raising has been given re-

newed emphasis, especially of late now that funding to many state colleges and universities has been virtually frozen and in some cases even reduced. Ford even admits that his institution has changed status from "state-supported" to "state-assisted."

"The perception is that the state is footing the entire bill of higher education," he said. "They think that's how education is funded. But from then to now, the equation just isn't the same."

Other fund-raising offices are feeling the money pinch, as economic hard-times tend to slow the generous urges of potential givers. Some colleges have been able to dodge the recession.

"I think we're fortunate in that our donors are always more and more supportive," said Brent Dunn, assistant director of development at Southwest Missouri State University. "No matter what the problem, more and more people are getting involved."

SMSU was one of the colleges especially hit hard by Gov. John Ashcroft's budget cuts. Dunn said it lost about \$500,000 for FY 1992.

"When you lose, it puts the university behind the eight ball," Dunn said.

While economic shortfalls play havoc with a college's ability to generate revenue, there are other factors working against them, the main one being the perception that because the state funds the college, there is no need for outside revenue. But some believe if citizens feel strong about their local institution, they will give.

"Sure the economy has an effect," Ford said. "People have a tendency to give to what they believe in. If your university is on solid ground, there will be more support. If it's not on solid ground, you'll get no support."

Many colleges set five- and 10-year goals for fund raising, with the intent of reaching a dollar mark in a certain timeframe. Some have been effective, some have not.

Missouri Southern is one institution that has had its share of setbacks. Although it has repeatedly reached its annual Phon-A-Thon goal, it fell considerably short of meeting a five-year goal it had set in December 1984.

The plan was to get \$5 million for the College; the Missouri Southern

Foundation received just \$750,000 in pledges. Sue Billingsly, foundation director, maintains that every penny is precious, no matter what the goal or how much is received. College President Julio Leon hinted that if the College or the foundation were to undertake another such venture, there might be a clearer goal.

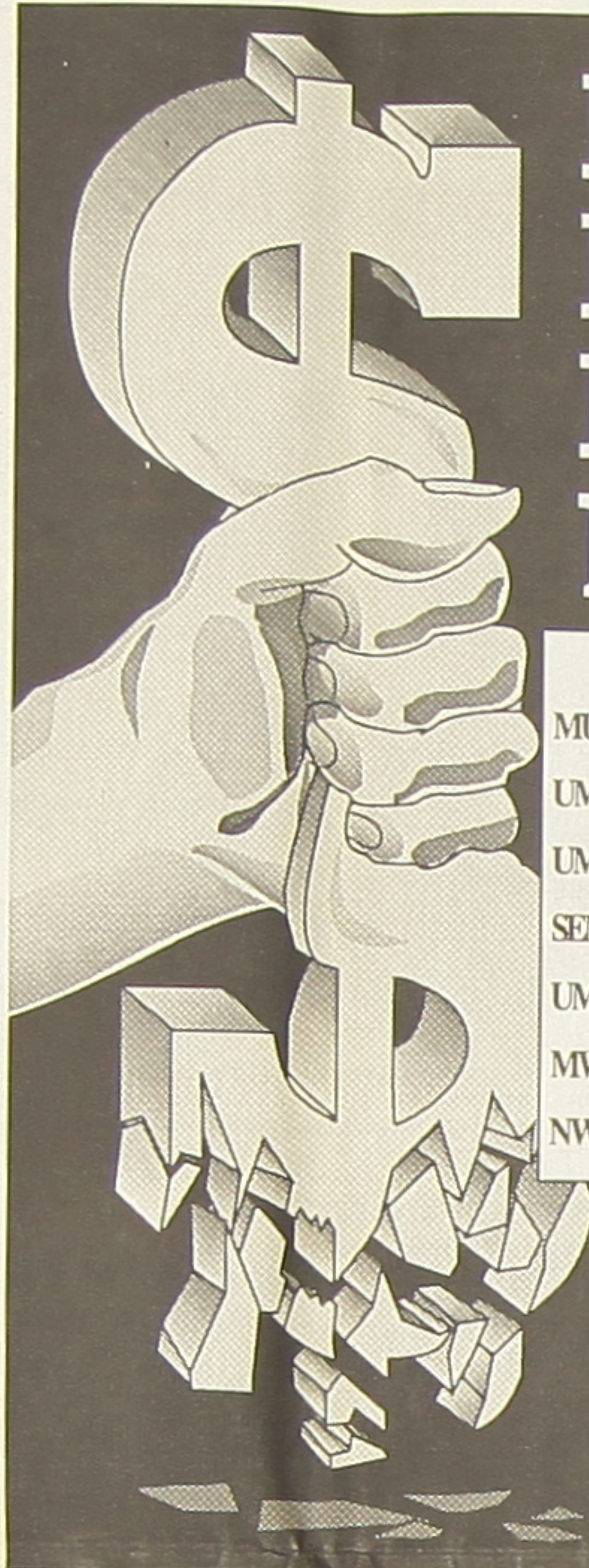
"The time flew by so quickly, I don't think we even noticed the five years had gone by," Leon said last month. "Perhaps our next effort will be a more focused approach to a particular thing."

At many colleges, fund raising is a team effort. Faculty, students, and local volunteers are called on to help

with raising money, whether their help comes in the form of calling during a phon-a-thon or going door-to-door for the institution.

"The faculty and students are more aware of us now than they ever were," Ford said. "They've bought into the idea that raising money for the university is needed."

At SEMO, organizers have established the Senior Class Fund, where seniors can volunteer to donate to the university a set amount of money during their first three years after graduation. During the first two years of the program, \$8,000 was raised. Last year alone, \$10,000 was raised.



Making the Most of the Private Dollar

	FY 1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	Total
MU	\$12,981,872	\$13,902,908	\$15,675,915	\$16,532,398	\$17,529,195	\$23,262,116	\$99,884,404
UMKC	2,402,191	3,956,850	11,084,429	5,829,919	6,689,646	8,739,307	38,702,342
UMR	4,199,479	6,424,380	5,362,610	6,002,090	5,379,928	6,554,852	33,923,339
SEMU		1,030,911	1,612,816	5,741,650	4,752,742	2,509,717	15,647,836
UMSL	807,028	923,713	1,897,493	1,771,446	1,782,213	2,495,883	9,677,776
MWSC		660,924	977,489	1,123,157	1,130,953	1,825,435	5,917,958
NWMSU	129,905	578,731	964,015	1,130,959	1,319,490	970,718	5,093,818

Figures were taken from a sampling of foundations and institutional advancement offices of colleges and universities in Missouri. Some schools, including Missouri Southern, refused to release similar information.

Graphic by Steve Sakach

Billingsly preserves dream through Southern Foundation

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Sue Billingsly's love affair with Missouri Southern didn't begin when she began working for the Missouri Southern Foundation in 1979.

The relationship started long before that.

When Billingsly and her husband, Leon, arrived here from Battle Creek, Mich., in 1967, they looked out over the land that now holds Missouri Southern. As College president, he had dreams of more buildings and

students to fill them, and his dream would come true.

Soon after Leon Billingsly died in 1978, his wife was named director of the Missouri Southern Foundation, thus putting her in charge of virtually all phases of the fund-raising process. Serving in the post has given

her a chance to fulfill the dream conjured by her late husband.

"Just to be able to continue on to complete a dream that took place many years ago is a thrill for me," Billingsly said. "I've really enjoyed my time here, but there's still a lot of work to do."

The foundation got its start in 1967 with a five-member board consisting of Mills Anderson, Leon Billingsly, Fred Hughes, Lauren Reynolds, and Herbert Van Fleet. When Billingsly became director in 1979, the Foundation was reorganized to include eight members. In 1980, four more were added, and now 20 members sit on the board, with original members Hughes and Van Fleet still serving.

Like many other institutions around Missouri, fund raising at the Missouri Southern Foundation is a year-round task. Probably getting the most attention is the annual Phon-A-Thon, where students, faculty, and other members of the community make calls to potential donors. The Foundation usually surpasses its goal each year, and Billingsly is appreciative of the volunteer work that goes into the drive.

"It's very important, for the students especially," Billingsly said. "Those students are going to be alumni; they are going to be our future support. Once they get involved, they understand how important this extra funding can be."

College President Julio Leon is confident of the work of the Foundation. He also is a volunteer—traditionally, he is the first caller on the first day of the Phon-A-Thon.

"You know the board will have the best interests of the institution at heart," Leon said. "That by itself has tremendous value."

Gauging the effectiveness of the foundation is difficult, Leon said, as work is done that some never see.

"I don't think you can ever say if the foundation is effective or not," he said. "There are some on-going programs you can use to assess, but in addition to that, everyone of those individuals is always working behind the scenes with potential givers."

"You just never know. It may well be that after a year or two it may seem like a foundation is not making any money because of the work that takes place behind the scenes and that is cultivated. You just never know."

Aside from it being difficult to measure the foundation's effectiveness for the College, it is ever harder to stack it up against the foundations of other institutions. Various circumstances—larger fund-raising staffs, higher budgets, and larger alumni bases—help to make such comparisons a case of apples and oranges.

In numbers, Southern fund-raising dollars are lower than other colleges, but Billingsly attributes that to the College's lower alumni base, which sits at around 12,000.

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WORKING FOR THE CAUSE



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Jenny Wade, freshman business marketing and management major, pulls the cards of potential donors in preparation for the Phon-A-Thon.

Simpson fuels second-half comeback

Southern overpowers Rolla, 80-66

BY ROD SHETLER
SPORTS EDITOR

In one of its most emotional games of the year, the basketball Lions battled back from an 11-point halftime deficit last night to overpower the University of Missouri-Rolla 80-66.

The win pushed the Lions' record to 9-5 overall and 4-1 in the MIAA. The Miners dropped to 9-7 overall and 0-5 in the conference.

"The No. 1 thing I'm happy with is we didn't quit," said Robert Corn, head coach. "We picked up the defensive intensity at the end of the game, and we quit giving them all

the second shots."

The offensive effort of the night was turned in by 6-5 junior forward Kenny Simpson, who finished with 33 points and 11 rebounds for the Lions.

"Coming in at halftime, we were playing pretty lackadaisical," said Simpson. "Coach just came in, talked to us for a second, and left us alone in the locker room. We conversed among ourselves about what we needed to do. Then we went out and did it."

Trailing 42-31 at intermission, the Lions finally went ahead at 63-62 on a lay-in by senior center David Lurvey with 5:13 to play. Simpson's free

throw and bucket put Southern up by four, and the Lions never looked back.

"We started out well [in the first half] and then went flat for some unknown reason," said Corn. "It was a very emotional win."

The Lions jumped out to a 9-0 lead, but were outscored 19-2 in the next five minutes. The second-half comeback sends a message to other teams in the MIAA, Simpson believes.

"This game showed that we should get more respect," he said. "The way we've been playing, we deserved to be ranked higher."

"When we play with our heads screwed on right, we're a tough team to beat," said freshman forward Neal Smith, who started only his second game of the season last night. "This

doesn't even look like the same team as last semester. We're having a lot more fun."

After ending the fall semester with a 4-4 record, the Lions have gone 5-1 as conference action has started.

"I think we're making progress as a team," said Corn. "We went on the road and won two big conference games (Lincoln University 94-65 and Northeast Missouri 78-65). We won one big game at home (Pittsburg State 80-68). We lost to Southeast (84-66), but if we had shot our free throws we could have won that one, too."

The story of the year for the Lions has been Simpson, a transfer from Moberly Junior College and a graduate of St. Louis Vashon High School.

Simpson leads Southern in scoring with 291 points (20.8 average) and in rebounding with 146 (10.4 per game).

"We felt like Kenny would be a real good player for us," said Corn. "When we signed him, I made the statement that of all the people we had signed he would most benefit our program. He has certainly fulfilled everything we've asked and more."

The Lions see action again Saturday as they travel to play the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The Rivermen, who play at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville tonight, are 10-3 overall and 4-1 in the MIAA.

Southern travels to Pittsburg State Wednesday night, then returns home Feb. 2 to meet Southwest Baptist.



ROD SHETLER

Reserves must persevere

I was talking to Robert Corn, Missouri Southern men's basketball coach, the other day and he echoed something that has been said by coaches since sports were created.

He said simply, "There's no doubt that a good bench is one of the most important things that a team could possibly have."

They are referred to by many different names, both positive and in a good-natured way sometimes more on the negative side. They are present every day at every practice rain or shine. But when that first pitch is hurled or that basketball is tipped off, they find themselves in the role of the observer, watching and waiting.

Benchwarmers, pine-timers, and at times sudden heroes. These strong-willed men and women wait for their moment in the sun with all the confidence they can muster.

Most of us have been there at one time or another, whether now or back on the seventh-grade basketball team (my personal perspective). The bench is not a fun place to be. Period. I think that is a point everyone can agree with. All players would like to be where the action is.

I remember one friend of mine who was very incensed at being banished to the pine for most of the basketball season. He staged his own private protest against the coach by taking off his basketball shoes at the beginning of each game and putting them under the bench during the game. This usually sealed his chances not to get into the game.

Obviously comparing seventh-grade basketball to college athletics is something like comparing Al Hrabosky to Gandhi. They just don't go together. College athletes are the best of the high school best. But there are two things the fan should realize about those men and women who don't always see a lot of action:

■ They wouldn't have even made the team at all if they weren't at sometime in the next four years going to contribute.

■ Most times the worst player on any college team can play circles around the armchair athletes who always are the quickest to judge.

One of the most important and not thought-about jobs of second-string basketball players is that they have to play against the starting five every single day in practice.

"Coach Corn stresses a lot of team effort," said freshman guard Wayne Bushnell. "In practice we play against the starters, and the harder we play against them, the better the rest of the team in general gets. That gives us non-starters some incentive to play better."

Not making an immediate impact on the college scene sometimes makes a player lose his confidence or have doubts about his abilities. Perseverance is the word to remember for the second-string athlete.

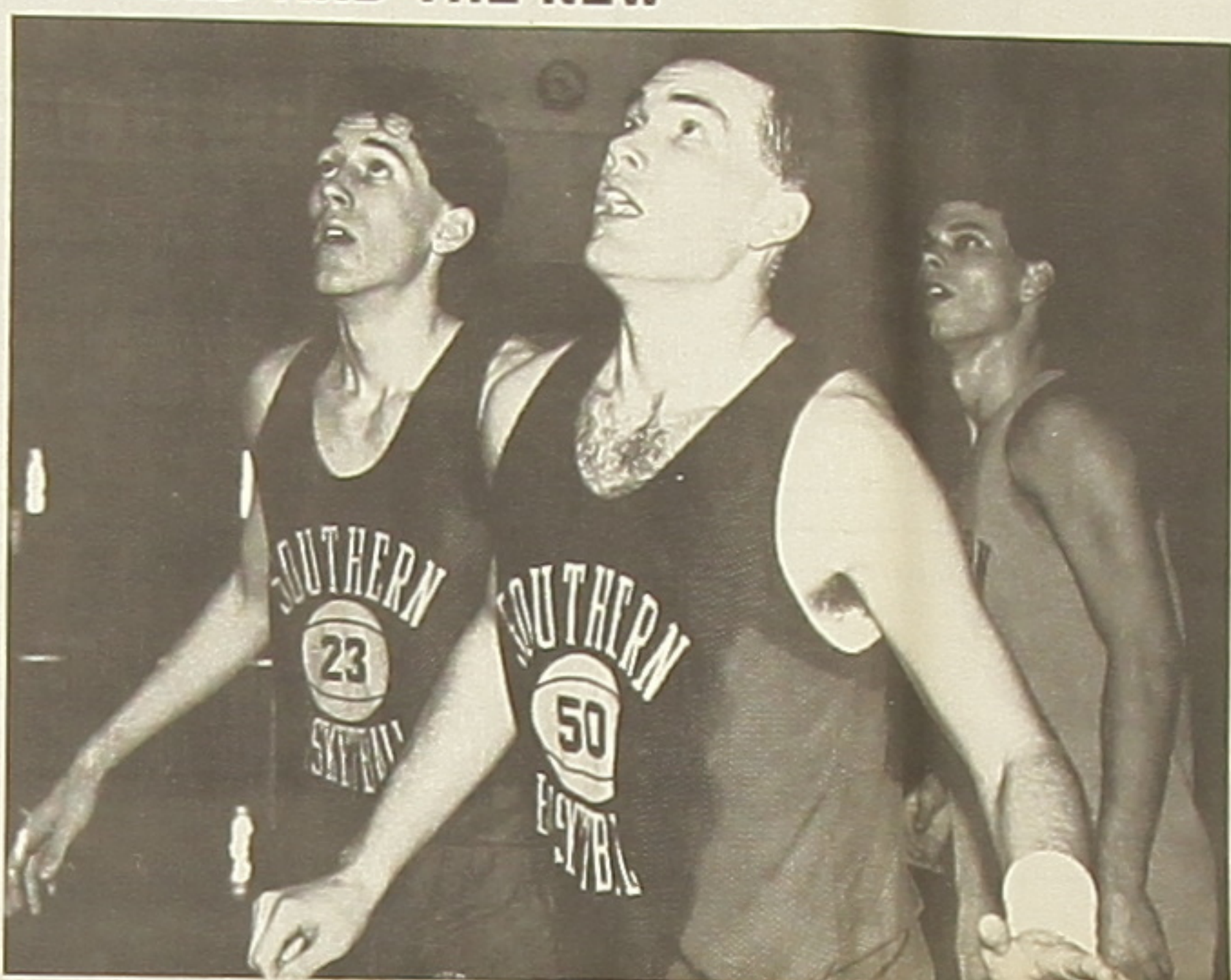
"I came from a smaller school," said Bushnell, who is from College Heights Christian School in Joplin. "So I sometimes doubt a little bit, but I just keep working and I will eventually contribute."

Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither were most starting players in any sport. It took many hours of practice and hard work just like anything else in life.

"You look at high school," said Corn. "How many ninth graders do you see playing varsity basketball. It's the same type of step as far as going from junior high to high school. Then high school to college."

So to all of you athletes who still are waiting to get into that starting lineup: keep your shoes on during the game because you never know when you might be called on.

THE OLD AND THE NEW



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Senior center David Lurvey (No. 50) and freshman forward Neil Smith (No. 23) await a rebound in practice Tuesday. Lurvey has seen many teammates come and go during his four years at Missouri Southern.

That's the real reason for the bad records the next two years."

The Lions managed only a 9-44 record in Lurvey's first two years at Southern, but improved to 12-15 last season. Now that the Lions find themselves with a winning record again, Lurvey enjoys playing for a competitive team in his last collegiate season.

"The way Coach Corn just came in last season and turned everything around for us was one of the biggest surprises I've had since I've been here. We made it into the [MIAA] playoffs in his first year here."

Lurvey gives the credit for his basketball talent to his Marshfield (Mo.) High School coach, Jacky Payne.

"I think Coach Payne probably had the biggest influence on me," he said. "He came to Marshfield my junior year and before he came, basketball was just a one-time-a-year

thing. When he got there we started playing all year long in different camps. That helped my game a lot."

The hard work Lurvey has shown on the court has not only been admired by fans and coaches, but most importantly by his teammates.

"His post game is very strong,"

said senior guard Ronnie Ressel, playing in his second season with Lurvey. "When he gets the ball inside and scores, that helps out the guards. He is also a good passer from the post position."

DAVID LURVEY CAREER STATS AT MSSC

Year	Total Pts.	Avg.	Reb. (Avg.)	Games
1990-91*	52	4.3	41 (3.4)	12
1989-90	153	5.7	102 (3.8)	27
1988-89	292	11.2	147 (5.7)	26
1987-88	179	6.9	112 (4.3)	26

Totals: 676 7.4 402 (4.4) 91

All time career leader: Scoring (No. 15), games played (No. 6), blocked shots—19 (No. 8).

* Does not include last night's game.

Lurvey one constant as roster turns over

BY ROD SHETLER
SPORTS EDITOR

If a Missouri Southern basketball fan left the country three years ago and came back today to see the Lions, only one player would be recognizable.

Senior center David Lurvey has been one constant on an otherwise changing team. In his three-and-one-half seasons, Lurvey has become respected by his own team and fans as well as the rest of the MIAA as a tough and smart player in the paint.

"When he's in the ballgame we can execute our offense because he is such a smart player," said Robert Corn, head coach. "He is willing to accept his role, so he complements Kenny [Simpson] really well."

The 6-foot-5, 215-pound Lurvey could end up among the top 10 career rebounders at Missouri Southern before he graduates. In comparing himself to taller centers, Lurvey does not find much similarity.

"I know I don't have the athletic ability of those 6-9 guys. I just have to play a different type of game," said the three-year letterman. "I've been playing center lately, so I just have to do the fundamental things like blocking out and keeping the bigger guys off the boards."

Since Lurvey has been a Lion, he has seen the best of times and the worst of times for the green and gold.

"The year before I came down here (1986-87) they went to nationals, so I thought I was coming into a winning program."

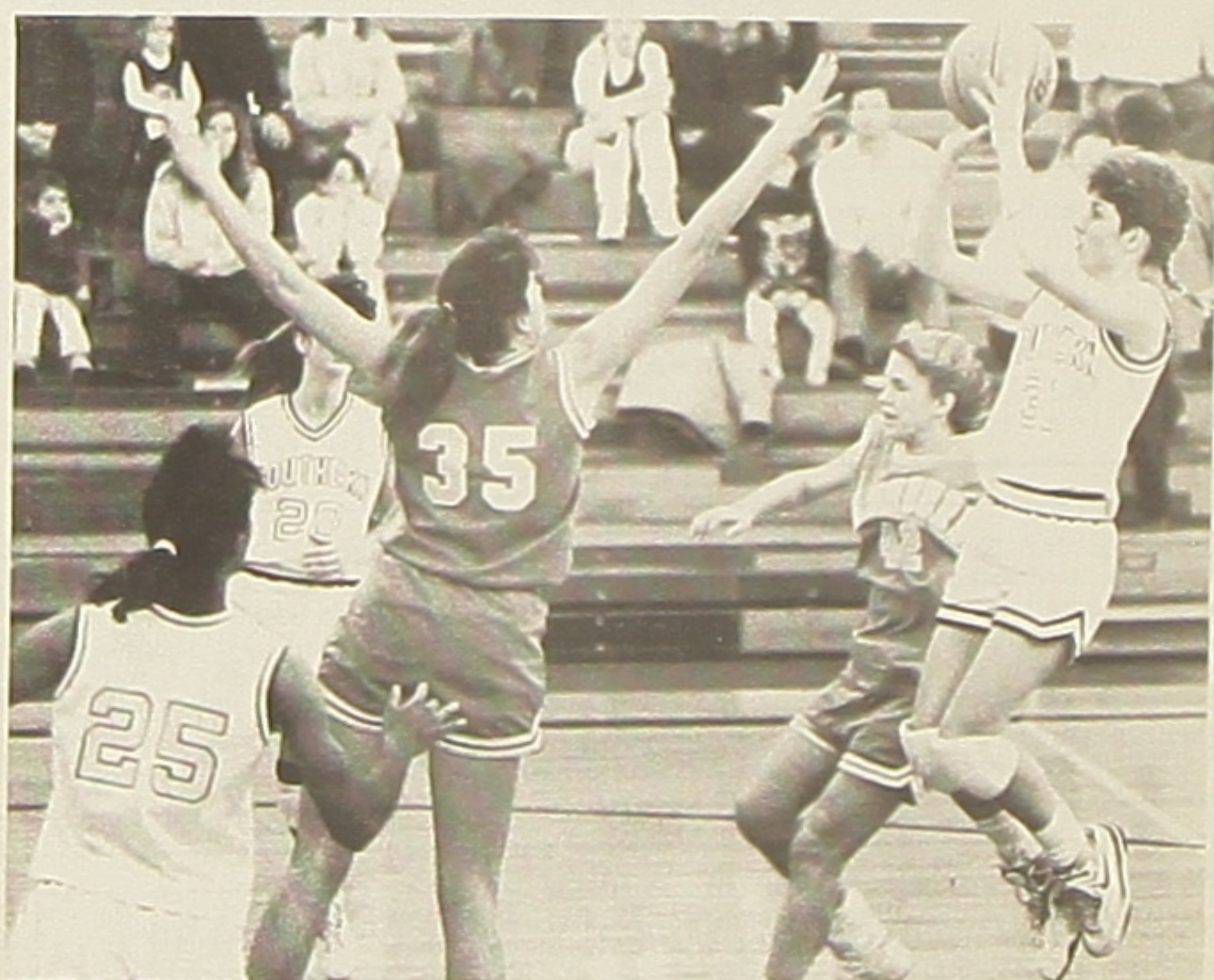
It did not take long for Lurvey to see that things were not as rosy as they appeared.

"My freshman year (1987-88) was when the program kind of got turned the wrong way. We picked up a lot of players who had attitude problems," Lurvey said.

"Coach [Chuck] Williams had a lot of problems disciplining them.

Poor shooting, Rolla defense lead to loss

MAKIN' THE MOVE



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Junior point guard Diane Hoch sinks a basket despite the defense of Washburn's Jannica Beam (No. 35). Missouri Southern edged the Lady Blues 69-67 Monday night behind Terri Haynes' 27 points. Haynes, a senior forward, fired in seven three-pointers, and Hoch contributed nine points and seven assists.

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The basketball Lady Lions entered last night's 75-51 loss to the University of Missouri-Rolla nationally ranked in three offensive categories. It didn't show.

Southern shot only 30 percent from the field and 59 percent from the free-throw line.

The Lady Miners took a 4-2 lead with 16:51 to play in the first half and led the rest of the way.

Southern trailed 37-21 at the intermission, and Lady Lions Head Coach Scott Ballard said that was the difference.

"Their defense took us out early," he said. "They are an excellent ball team with few weaknesses. They put together a run, and our whole game fell apart."

The Lady Lions fell to 9-8 overall and 2-4 in the MIAA. Rolla, ranked 20th in NCAA Division II, is now 13-4 and 6-1.

Caryn Schumaker, the Lady Lions' senior center, passed the 1,000 point mark in career scoring. Schumaker is only the eighth player in team history to reach that plateau.

"She's a true team player," Ballard said. "I'm sure she'd rather we get the win, but we're all happy for her."

The Lady Lions hit the road to take on the University of Missouri-St. Louis Saturday, then return home Monday to face the nationally ranked Jennies of Central Missouri State.

Donna Boleski took third place in the 3,000-meter run (11:09) and fifth place in the mile (5:30). In the shot put, Tamerlee Shuessler claimed fifth, reaching 35 feet, 7 inches.

"It was a good meet to let us know where we're at at this point in time," said Rutledge. "For some of the freshmen, it's very discouraging to go up against veteran people. My whole theory is to try to keep them interested. If they went to the University of Missouri and competed against that level, some of them would be embarrassed."

INTRAMURALS

The Missouri Southern intramurals office is accepting applications for the Schick Super Hoops 3-on-3 basketball competition to be held Sunday, Feb. 3 in Young Gymnasium.

Super Hoops, an intramural tournament spanning 22 regional areas, is open to all students with the exception of present or former members of an intercollegiate basketball team. Both men's and women's divisions will be offered.

All participants receive prizes, and winners qualify for a regional tournament March 2 in Kansas City. Persons may contact Diana Wilson at Ext. 533 for more information.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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JAN ▶

Anna Miller, senior biology major, is appointed to *USA Today's* All-USA Academic First Team. Miller competed with 700 students from across the country and was selected as one of 20 for the honor. She attends an awards ceremony at the *USA Today* headquarters in Alexandria, Va. and is profiled in the national daily publication.



The Missouri Southern basketball Lions travel to the Bahamas to participate in the Freeport Sunshine Shootout. The Lions post a 2-1 tournament mark, earning them second place in the event. A blowout occurs as their plane prepares for take-off, delaying the return trip by four hours.

Gov. John Ashcroft again refuses to recommend funding for the planned communications/social science building. The governor also proposes only a 4 percent increase in budget for Missouri Southern despite a 17.1 percent recommendation from the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

FEB ▶

Construction of Missouri Southern's eighth apartment building is approved by the Board of Regents. The building, with a price tag of \$500,000, will house 40 students, with five students to each unit. Increased enrollment is given as the reason for the expansion. It was completed in October of 1990.

The Barn Theatre is forced to close its doors indefinitely after an inspection by Joplin fire officials reveals 14 potential hazards. Repairs to the structure are estimated at \$88,000. Conforming the theatre to a three-hour fire-resistant rating would more than double the preliminary figure.

Springfield entrepreneur John Q. Hammons donates \$210,000 to a scholarship fund which would provide assistance for minorities and the disabled. The money was generated by the Joplin Holiday Inn through a Missouri motel tax which was invalidated by the state supreme court. Hammons said this area has needed this type of assistance.



MAR ▶

State Sen. Richard M. Webster (R-Carthage) dies as the result of cardiac failure after extensive surgery at Columbia Boone Hospital Center. Webster was co-author of the bill which created Missouri Southern in 1965. The senator's funeral was held at the Taylor Performing Arts Center. Most of the state legislature was in attendance.



Janet Gabriel stuns the Lady Lions basketball team with the announcement of her resignation. Although no definite reasons were given for the move, many believe that tough losses influenced her decision. Marshfield High School coach Scott Ballard later signs on as coach of the team.

An 18.2 percent tuition increase is announced by the Board of Regents. The increase, the largest in Southern's history, was made to supplement a 4.31 percent budget increase appropriated by the General Assembly. The tuition increase was to raise some \$800,000 in additional revenue.

APR ▶

Missouri Southern's largest-ever arts festival begins on campus. The three-week event features theatre, dance, music, film, and art. The centerpiece of the festival is the third International Piano Competition held April 23-26. In addition, the State Ballet makes its first appearance in Joplin.

The 20th anniversary of Earth Day is marked at Southern with a picnic and tree-planting festival at the Biology Pond. The event includes several local bands and a mayoral proclamation. Local businesses and organizations provide literature and display "environment-safe" products.

Missouri Southern freshman Jodie Clark plummets from the third-story window of Webster Hall, sustaining lacerations and a fractured vertebrae. Clark was skateboarding in the hallway of the dormitory when he crashed through a window. He returned to regular classes after a short recovery.

Psychology professor Merrell Junkins enters the special election of the Missouri Senate held to fill the post vacated by the death of Republican Richard M. Webster. Junkins opposes Republican Marvin Singleton. If elected in June, Junkins says he also will run for the regular four-year term.

MAY ▶

The Missouri Senate approves an allocation of \$980,000 to begin work on the communications/social science building. Sen. Emory Melton (R-Cassville) offered an amendment as part of a capital improvements bill which called for an additional \$14 million to aid state colleges and universities.

Mary Hanewinkel is voted in as Student Senate president for the 1990-91 school year. Hanewinkel defeated Tiffany Jakse in an election that yielded only 336 votes. Also elected were juniors Karen Taylor and Pamela Chong who ran unchallenged for vice president and secretary, respectively.

The Missouri Southern Lady Lions softball team become the first Southern sport ever to win an MIAA championship and the first to advance to NCAA post-season competition. The Lady Lions advance to the semifinals and finish fourth in the nation after being eliminated by Bloomsburg, Pa.

The Missouri Southern baseball Lions finish second overall in MIAA post-season play and receive the at-large bid for the NCAA Division II sub-regional tournament. The Lions are eliminated by Jacksonville (Ala.) State and Troy (Ala.) State in the three-team regional tourney at Troy.

JUNE ▶

College President Julio Leon announces a shift to an international mission for the College. Each course is to contain an international perspective with the ultimate goal of preparing students for the global community. Emphasis will be placed on foreign languages and on faculty and student exchanges. Missouri Southern becomes the only institution in the state with such a mission.



JULY ▶

Another record enrollment is recorded for summer classes at Missouri Southern. A total enrollment of 1,934 students amounts to nearly a 6.9 percent increase over last summer's figure of 1,810. The increase ends a year of expanded enrollment with both Fall and Spring yielding records.

Don Seneker is promoted to the position of assistant dean of the school of technology. Seneker is the former head of the law enforcement and criminal justice department. Jack Spurlin moves up to fill Seneker's vacated post. Seneker joined Southern's faculty in 1971; Spurlin arrived in 1975.

AUG ▶



Dr. Floyd Belk resigns as Missouri Southern's vice president for academic affairs. Belk had held the post for 16 years and cited age and family time as factors in his decision. Dr. Robert Brown, dean of the school of business administration, is appointed to the position. Jim Gray, assistant dean of the school of business, replaces Brown.

SEPT ▶

Carthage native Pat Phelps begins his term as president of the Board of Regents. Phelps, a trust officer for United Missouri Bank, has served on the Board since 1985. He replaces Russell Smith, who remains a Board member until Keith Adams is named by Gov. John Ashcroft on Nov. 30.

The seventh straight year of record enrollment is recorded as the total student population climbs to 6,012. Enrollment in upper-division classes also climbs by 3.4 percent while lower division enrollment drops slightly, indicating an improvement in retention and an influx of transfer students.

Sociology professor Conrad Gubera is chosen as one of 20 in the nation to take a 20-day tour of Japan. Sponsored by the Japanese government, the tour observes Japan in such areas as education, industry, and entertainment. Gubera focuses on Japan's secondary education system.

Missouri Southern student Mike Long announces his plans for a \$500 million racing motorplex in Joplin that would include a hotel, multi-purpose arena, and golf course. An investigation by *Chart* reporters into Long's past leads to skepticism of the venture. His attorney threatens legal action.

OCT ▶

Sophomore accounting major Elivette Alvarez is crowned as the 1990 Homecoming royalty. Sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, Alvarez, a Puerto Rico native says she entered the contest to make new friends. The Lions beat the Missouri Western Grifons to take the Homecoming win.

Mark "Quik" Hambergren is nabbed for allegedly embezzling more than \$400 from the Campus Activities Board. The former Southern art major charged food and groceries to the CAB account at K-Mart and Dillons. He was apprehended in Nevada, Mo., after a search by local authorities.

Dr. Jasbir Jaswal, professor of business, and Dr. Donald Youst, assistant professor of political science, are chosen to attend a conference in Warsaw, Poland. The mid-November conference focuses on the economic and political repercussions of the recent, sweeping changes in Poland.

Two Missouri Southern students are accosted by three unidentified men claiming to be magazine sellers. One of the men forces his way into their car and campus apartment and coerces them into writing checks totaling \$96. The men claim to be Texas students and employees of ATM sales.

NOV ▶

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education recommends funding for the planned communications/social science building. The recommendation, calling for more than \$6 million, is the third made by the Board. This was the only capital improvements project OK'ed by the CBHE this year.

An arson-linked blaze destroys the Barn Theatre over Thanksgiving break, leaving the future of the historic structure uncertain. A \$5,000 reward is offered for the arrest of the arsonist(s), and several suspects are questioned. College officials await damage estimates before deciding the theatre's fate. Various "Save the Barn" efforts are started.



Cross country runner Jason Riddle places 12th nationally at the NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships in Arcata, Calif. Riddle ran the 10,000-meter race with a personal best time of 30:18. He received All-American honors from the National Cross Country Coaches Association.

DEC ▶

College officials attend the fifth annual Conference on Higher Education in St. Louis. During Gov. John Ashcroft's speech, he repeats his six challenges to the state's colleges and universities. Key issues at the conference include assessment of outcomes and a system of performance funding mechanisms.

A candlelight vigil is held outside Billingsly Student Center in memory of people killed or injured by drunk drivers. Sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), the event draws participants from around the area. A crowd of protesters light candles as memorials to their lost loved ones.

Former Missouri Southern student Tony Feather is appointed to the post of campaign manager for Attorney General Bill Webster in his race for governor of Missouri. Feather was formerly executive director of the state Republican Party. He is a past sports editor and associate editor of *The Chart*.

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